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Tory dissidents talking to Blair

Anthony Bevins and Colin Brown

The Prime Minister's office the spokesman said, speaking yesterday confirmed that up to on the fringe of the Amsterdam a dozen Conscrvative MPs are summit. He said that pro-Euactively talking to Labour about the possibility of a Tory split if William Hague is elected leader of the party this week.

A Labour spokesman said there had been contacts with Labour in which the Tories had spoken of a number of options the possibility of voting alliances with the Government, a to destabilise Mr. Clarke's Brussels. Some Tory MPs breakaway party, or even "cross-

massed ranks of Labour MPs.

"There is profound disquiet," ropean Conservative MPs had been "horrified" by the intransigent and increasingly hardline position taken by Mr Hague

over recent days.
The Clarke camp claimed that rumours on the eve of today's second round ballot for the leadership were put around chances, because Labour fear

Commons to join the already ened in the Clarke camp last night after all three candidates addressed Tory MPs in a Commons committee room..

Clarke supporters claimed that Mr Hague behind closed doors had warned that he would require members of the Shadow Cabinet to sign documents supporting his line on Eurosceptic policy on a single currency. He also warned he would be prepared to pull out of EU treaties if Britain failed to repatriate some of its powers from breakaway party, or even "cross-chances, because Labour fear warned it would condemn the made it unnecessarily difficult for and warning MPs the leadership ter The Independent asked at a Blair said pre-election talks ing the floor" of the House of him most. But the fears deep-Tories to ten years in Opposition. people. It is a pity William has election was "not about the fine summit briefing whether there had been based on the as-

* THE INDEPENDENT Tory left prepares to leave

How The Independent broke the breakaway story on Saturday

Ann Widdecombe, a Eurosceptic who is backing Mr Clarke as the "biggest hitter", also criticised Mr Hague for threatening to drive the former Chancellor and Michael Heseltine off the Tory front bench if he wins. "I think William has

said whoever is in the Shadow Cabinet has to got to sign up to not having a single currency. It is no longer a serious issue for the next five years." Calling for unity, Mr Clarke won praise for saying he would include Eurosceptics in his Shadow team

policy positions on the single currency or European as a whole". In spite of a performance judged poor by his critics, Mr Hague's received a decisive push to his bandwagon - possibly helping him win in the third balot on Thursday - by the support of Gillian Shephard, a former Lilley supporter, and six former ministers, including Francis Maude, Simon Burns, Michael

Fallon, and David Maclean. The exposure of behind the scenes talks between Labour and disaffected Tories came af-

had been any approaches made by Tory MPs to Tony Blair's office. Speaking with his Labour party hat on, Alastair Campbell, the Prime Minister's chief press secretary, said: "It is true to say that we have had a number of links, informal and others, with Conservative MPs and we intend to keep those links.

"In the Tory leadership election, two of the candidates, and one of the realistic candidates, have ruled out a single currency under any circumstances.

Later, a source close to Mr Blair said pre-election talks

ernment majority of 20 or 30 seats. But the disaffected Tories none of them in the Shadow Cabinet - had kept up contact after last month's election. Even though Labour need for their support was not so great now that it had such a massive Commons majority any addition support was to be welcomed, the source added. He emphasised that he was not talking of merc Commons tearoom chat between Conservative and Labour MPs; the talks were at a higher level then that.

Nightmare scenario, page 10

IRA murders blow away a peace agenda

David McKittrick and Anthony Bevins

The IRA murders of two police officers in Co Armagh yesterday dealt a grievous blow both to hopes of an early new republican cessation and of averting serious trouble in the looming summer marching season.

The attack not only took two lives but could have the poten- at Amsterdam, that he reacted bringing to an end a loyalist paramilitary ceasefire which already looked fragile.

It has already had the effect of severing contact between the government and Sinn Fein, Tony Blair declaring: "There is obviously no question of a further meeting with Sinn Fein in these circumstances." Officials were due to meet Martin McGuinness in Belfast today for a third and final meeting in a series sanctioned last month by Mr Blair.

The killings, coming as they did in the Co Armagh town of Lurgan which is not far from the Drumcree marching flashpoint, can only be described as an act of extreme provocation. Tensions in the mid-Ulster area were already high as the 6 July march date approaches with no sign of agreement on whether the parade should be allowed through a sensitive Catholic area.

The two RUC men were shot in the head at close range not far from a police station while on routine beat patrol.

They have been named as Constable John Graham, who was married with three daughters, and Reserve Constable David Andrew Johnston, who was married with two sons.

The Prime Minister said in a statement after a brief conversation with John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, on the fringe of the European summit borror and anger at what looked like "a deliberate attempt to place obstacles in the

road of peace." Mr Blair said that whilst Sino Fein talked peace, the IRA murdered: "Their cynicism and hypocrisy are sickening. Their actions defy normal understanding. It is difficult to interpret this latest attack as anything but a signal that Sinn Fein and the IRA are not interested in peace and democracy, and prefer violence."

Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, adding a new word to his political lexicon, said he was "shocked" by the deaths. He declared: "At a personal and at a human level i am shocked."

His reaction was echoed among many other observers, including republican sympathisers and their opponents. The government had been making clear moves towards meeting republican concerns on ensuring that Sinn Fein would be admitted to political negotiations in the event of a new IRA ceasefire.

But the effect of the killings has been to end contacts with the Government, and to leave the huge unanswered question of how the IRA believes that such acts can advance the republican aim of securing entry into talks.

The mood among loyalist paramilitary groups, who have observed a worthwhile though imperfect ceasefire, was said to he grim, and the security forces. tacks. David Adams of the Ulster Democratic Party, which is close to the paramilitary Ulster Defence Association, warned: "The future looks dark. We have to face the reality this may well push loyalists to the brink."

Loyalist acts of violence could lead to the expulsion of their political representatives from the existing multi-party talks, thus decreasing the chances of their success. In the meantime Unionist politicians called on the Government to abandon hopes of bringing Sinn Fein into politics.

Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionist MP, said: "Republicans have been playing a mocking game with successive governments and testing the integrity and sincerity of the new Labour government in order to ascertain how far it could be pushed. It's now imperative that all governments who have tried to move things forward must realise that the IRA is irredeemable."

Fearful suspicion, page 4

Is a ban coming? The scent is weak

Staghounds in Somerset yesterday: is a Labour
MP's anti-hunting Bill going to deprive him of
So is he in favour of a ban, or against one a livelihood or not? The attitude of Downing Street will be crucial, since the Government controls the parliamentary timetable by which most Private Member's Bills fail or succeed. But Tony Blair was giving no hint last night to

A hound ponders his future with the Quantock bounds, buntsmen or bunt saboteurs: Downing So is he in favour of a ban, or against one? Gossip reports that he personally supports a ban but does not want to jeopardise other legislation in the Lords. Or perhaps his new friend, the Prince of Wales, has had a word?

problems, they are not going to

come up with solutions. We have≼3 learn from each other.'

The British source said the

autumn summit would assess

the success of each countries' ef-

forts on the basis of certain cri-

teria: labour market costs,

welfare reform, and emphasis

on small and medium size en-

terprise, and competitiveness.

progress was made on the

British demand to retain sov-

ereign control over her own bor-

ders, there were still some

problem words outstanding in

the treaty text last night. But a

British source said "the penny

had dropped" and European

colleagues understood that Mr

Blair was adamant that the

question had to be solved to his

although

Meanwhile.

satisfaction.



triple alliance for European jobs



Tony Blair passing a guard of honour en route to the Royal Palace in Amsterdam yesterday. EU government leaders are meeting in the city for a two-day summit Photograph; Reuters

Runway protest ends The protest at Manchester Nationwide and Coventry Airport runway came to a dramatic end when the last tunneller and a bailiff's offitunnel collapsed. Page 3

Money chase

building societies faced a flood of accounts from speculators as those with shares in cial were rescued after a Norwich Union averaged a £990 windfall.

Anthony Bevins and Sarah Helm Amsterdam

A new alliance of Britain, France and Germany led the way in making job-generation a new priority for Europe yes-

While heads of government were thrashing out the latest treaty on the future direction of European Union, at the Amsterdam summit, finance ministers agreed an economic package covering both jobs and the stability pact for the European single currency.

The package followed new resolve by France and Germany to resolve a bitter row over the euro rule book, which had cast new doubt over the future of the single currency, and overshadowed the Amsterdam

After EU leaders struck their deal <u>ye</u>sterday, Jacques Santer, the European Commission president, said:"We have seen today a reaffirmation of political will to complete EMU, in line with the agreed criteria. Today we have completed all the preparatory work and this is a very important stage."

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Unveiling of the design of the future euro coins put substance to the message that the euro was

The design, which for Britain could accommodate the Oneen's head on one face. shows maps of Europe in different contexts, including one against what a press release said was "a dynamic background of Europe's symbols", namely

Tony Blair said: "There is an agreement to put employment measures right at the top of the agenda in respect of the single currency and, indeed, the development of the European

The Prime Minister pinned the initiative on Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, and one source claimed: "They are now talking our sort of language."

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mined to be first off the mark with a report on its own welfareto-work programme, due in next month's Budget, for a Luxembourg jobs summit to be held in the autumn. Under the deal Germany, backed by Britain, insisted that strict fiscal discipline for the sin-

tered down. France appeared to have made a series of concessions, particularly over its demands for major new spending to promote growth, and there were doubts about whether the Franco-German rift has truly

Germany's chancellor-inwaiting seemed to herald a dramatic shift in alliances, arguing that the Franco-German marriage was now over. Gerhard Schröder, leader of the opposition Social Democrats, argued in favour of a new menagé à trois, involving London, Paris and Bonn.

In an interview with the German financial daily, Handelsblatt, he argued that Britain was likely to be the driving force behind the "renaissance" of European politics.

Under the jobs package it was agreed that in the search to find schemes that work in delivering jobs, all governments would report to that forthcoming jobs summit on their own successes and failures in an attempt to ameliorate Europe's unemployment crisis.

A British source said: "We will take a lead on this. If countries can't admit they have

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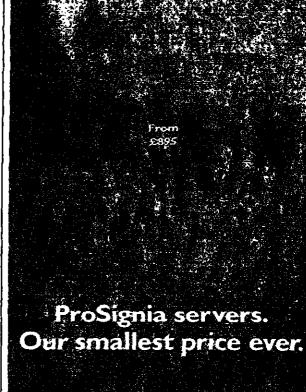
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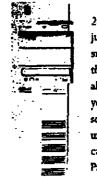
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A deal was expected to be announced today on fish quota hopping. Britain expects to secure new rules to deter foreign vessels fishing the British quota. The government also hopes that moves to create a common European defence contained in the draft Amsterdam Treaty text, will be removed before the treaty is agreed today.

Europe's new order, page 12





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Government pledges £3.8m grant for scrapie research

A government grant of £3.8m has been earmarked for new research into scrapic, the equivalent of "mad cow disease" in sheep. Scientists at the Institute for Animal Health will investigate how the disease develops, spreads, and is transmitted.

Scrapie is thought to have triggered bovine spongiform encepalopathy (BSE) after diseased sheep offal was mixed into cattle feed in the 1970s and 1980s. Experts think the disease

cattle feed in the 1970s and 1970s. Experts think the disease jumped the "species barrier" to re-emerge as BSE.

The new research, using part of £8.5m set aside by the Medical Research Council and the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC), aims to make progress towards eradicating scrapic from the national flock. Last year, 213 cases were recorded among the UK's 41.5 million sheep. Charles Arthur

Fifth strike day for commuter trains

Rail services on one of London's busiest commuter networks are expected to be disrupted today for the fifth successive day as the dispute descends into farce. Management said talks were to go ahead in an attempt to resolve a dispute over pay and working practices, but Aslef, the train drivers' union, insisted that none were planned.

The ban on overtime and rest-day working by train drivers at Connex South Central yesterday caused the cancellation of around 300 trains, with some 100 failing to complete their journeys. A similar level of disruption is expected today on the services, which operate from Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire into London Bridge

Firefighters rescue new Bond film



Firefighters took a starring role on the set of the new £45m James Bond film yesterday when a stunt flared out of control. Filming on Tomorrow Never Dies was balted after three cars caught fire during a spectacular chase scene. Effects experts expected an impressive blaze in the multi-storey car park at Brent Cross shopping centre in Hendon, north London, when the BMW 750i of Bond star Pierce Brosnan was "machine-gunned". Fire-fighters attacked the blaze for 20 minutes before filming resumed.

Motorist draws gun after accident

A mother had a gun held to her head by a motorist after their wing mirrors clipped each other, police said last night.
Shindo Kaur, 29, of Handsworth, Birmingham - who was

returning from a shopping trip with her young son - had a handgun held to her head by the driver who threatened to kill her and demanded £50 to pay for the damage. Mrs Kaur fled into a shop owned by a relative after motorists distracted the gunman at Regent Road, Handsworth, over the weekend. Staff handed over £50 and he left. West Midlands Police described the gunman as black, aged 20 to 25, of slim to medium build with short bair.

Chernobyl children take Irish break

An Irish charity is to fly 1,500 children from the radiation zone around Chernobyl for month-long stays in the West.

The holidays are claimed to give the children on average an extra two years of life. The first of five jets bringing the children from their homes in Belarus and western Russia will begin arriving at Ireland's Dublin and Shannon airports this week.

They will be met by Adi Roche, founder of the Irish Chernobyl Project organisation, and Ali Hewson, the group's patron and wife of Bono. lead singer of Ireland's U2 rock group.

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STARTS FRIDAY JUNE 20 AT CINEMAS ACROSS THE COUNTRY



SPORTING GLORY: Amy Kavanagh (right), the 14-year-old ballight who found herself playing at Queen's Club in the Stella Artois final, confessed yesterday to feeling "really scared". Goran Ivanisevic (left) handed her in the Stella Artois final, confessed yesterday to feeling "really scared". Goran Ivanisevic (left) handed her in the Stella Artois final, confessed yesterday to feeling "really scared". He came frustrated. And SHE managed to hold her own in a 17-stroke raily - the longest of his racket as he became frustrated. And SHE managed to hold her own in a 17-stroke raily - the longest of his 140mph. The afternoon - against the Australian Mark Philippoussis, nicknamed "Scud", because of his 140mph. Serve. "My favourite player was Tim Henman," she said. "But I might change now to Ivanisevic."

Composer feeds his creativity with an Antarctic adventure

poser Sir Peter Maxwell Davies is to spend a month in the barren wastes of Antarctica to gain inspiration for a new symphony. Sir Peter, 62, will

swap his isolated croft in a valley in Hoy, Orkney, for a freezing research sta-tion 6,000 miles away. He has agreed to compose a sequel to

Vaughan Williams' Sintonia Antarctica, which he first saw performed 44 years ago in Manchester. The original Williams piece was a development of the score he produced for the 1948 film Scott of the Antarctic. starring Sir John Mills.

Antarctic Survey to promote the region as an area of special scientific significance. Salford-born Sir Peter said: "The Antarctic experience will be an encounter with nature, with silence and empti-

ness such as one can never experience in Europe, even in remotest Scotland. "I look forward to working on and coming to terms with these new experiences in the symphony I will write. "The Vaughan Williams is a hard act to follow - I shall

take her life.

in the hospital."

fer over love," he said.

Naomi Campbell jumps straight back

on to the catwalk

Naomi Campbell jumped straight back into the supermodel saddle yesterday, appearing on a Paris catwalk just 12

hours after being discharged from inten-

sive care in a hospital on Gran Canaria.

south London (right), who has earned an

estimated £10m during her career, stre-

nously denied that she had attempted to

Her agent, Xavier Moreau of the Elite

modelling agency, played down her time

ing," he said. "The proof is that she is not

He rubbished media speculation that

Ms Campbell had taken an overdose following a falling-out with her Spanish

boymend, the flamenco dancer Joaquin

Cortes, recently photographed with another woman. "She is not the type to suf-

Meanwhile, Miss Campbell's mother,

Valerie, 44, announced that she was not

Paul Pearson, PR manager for the 44-

client was keeping up with her daughter's

year-old model and entertainer, said his

going to cut short a business trip to Canada.

in hospital. "It's much ado about noth-

The 27-year-old model from Streatham,

do my utmost to write a suitable companion

Sir Peter leaves for Antarcticain December and the symphony will have its world premiere in 2001, at the Royal Festival

An Antarctic Survey spokesman said: Temperatures can rise to 5C in summer but it can be a bit windy. He will be flown out to remote research stations to feel the pow-

er of silence. Sir Peter's 38 orchestral works include 11 concertos and five symphonies. And they rarely have conventional inspirations. A recent comedy overture was Mavis in Las Ve-When the composer was touring the US in 1995, he was registered at the Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, as "Mavis" thanks to a receptionist mishearing his name.

He was tickled by the idea of an alter ego, sightsee ing in the gambling capital - "I imagine her all outra-geous flounces and hip-jerks, her generous ballgown streaming". Mavis uses a solo violin theme conducted through a sequence of variations, representing nightclub, wedding chapel, Elvis shrine, Liberace Museum and other classic sites of kitsch.

David I istore

briefing

FOOD

Too many strawberries are proving fruitless

The production of strawberries has become over-globalised, leading to poor quality fruit and pollution as it sells in everleading to poor quanty true and possession as it seem in ever-increasing quantities throughout the whole year, says a report by the SAFE alliance, a green food group. About half of the fresh strawberries eaten in Britain are now

imported, coming from as far away as California, New Zealand and Kenya, accounting for large quantities of greenhouse gas emissions as they are air-freighted to Europe, SAFE claims. Southern Spain as they are an Hogging exporter to Britain.

is, however, the leading exporter to Britain.

Three-quarters of all the strawberries grown in Britain are from

just one variety. And the great majority are grown intensively, with pesticide residues detectable – usually at extremely low levels – in 88 per cent of the fruit, according to the Government. Britain has just four acres of organic strawberries.

The report stresses that growers frquently use methyl bromide one of the chemicals attacking the earth's protective ozone layer as a pesticide in strawberry production.

How Green Are Our Strawberries?, £4, Sustainable Agriculture Food and Environment, 38 Ebury St. London SWIW OLU.

TRANSPORT

Learners with a lot more to learn

Learner drivers now have a lot more to learn, with the publication

yesterday of more than 300 new questions for the written test—
almost doubling the total on which they may be tested.
Since the written theory paper was added to the practical driving test last July, more than 1 million prospective drivers have sat the test, with pass rates currently running at about 60 per cent.
Research carried out by the Driving Standards Agency shows
that an average "first-time pass" candidate spends between five

and 10 hours studying the questions before taking the test.

The new questions – which bring to 700 the total available to examiners – offer candidates a wide range of driving decisions and dilemmas, with a multiple choice of possible responses.

DSA chief executive Bernard Herdan said: "The new questions

put additional emphasis on certain aspects of driving theory which we feel need more attention from new drivers, such as being alert to vulnerable road users, so that theory testing can make as great a contribution as possible to overall road safety." Randeep Ramesh



HOUSING

Tax would ease homelessness

The Government should spend 10 per cent of the windfall tax on getting the young homeless off benefits and into full-time training and employment, the homeless charity Shelter claims today.

Coupled with 8 per cent of capital receipts from the sale of council houses, this would release people 5140. council houses, this would release nearly £140m a year over five years which could meet the housing needs of a tenth of the 250,000 young unemployed people targeted under the Government's

proposed welfare-to-work scheme.

Increased house building funded by the initiative would also create 6.750 jobs in two years, increasing tax revenues and reducing

social security spending by £61m over the first two years. "The Government's commitment to getting 250,00 young people into work is an excellent first step," said Chris Holmes, director of

"However its success will be hampered if at its heart it does not acknowledge that homelessness and bad housing create extra hurdles which, in turn, prevent young people getting on and completing training courses.

A Fresh Start: Housing and training for young homeless people, £2, Shelter, 88 Old Street, London ECIV 9HU Glenda Cooper

CRIME

Drugs policy should be revised

Two-thirds of expenditure on tackling the drug problem is spent on law enforcement and one-third on prevention, education and treatment, according to a report published today by the Penal

Affairs Consortium.

Calling for wider use of treatment programmes for drugmisusing offenders, the consortium says punishments rarely stop drug use, but merely result in a cycle of crime, imprisonment and continued drug use. Yet drug-abusers who reach the stage of police stations, courts or prisons are at a crisis point, "which can be a powerful motivating factor to accept help".

A substantial body of research in the US has found that

treatment programmes can produce marked reductions in illegal drug-use and drug-related crime, the report adds. Crime, Drugs and Criminal Justice, free from the Penal Affairs Consortium, 169 Clapham Road, London SW9 OPU.

Patricia Wynn Davies

SOCIETY

Road rage becoming commonplace

More than 70 per cent of company car drivers have been at the receiving end of road rage in the past year, according to results of a study released yesterday. More worringly, 7 per cent have been threatened, attacked or

The survey, carried out by MORI for Lex Vehicle Leasing, found that one in five company car drivers had felt like committing a serious road rage offence at some time in the past 12 months. But most had settled for either gesturing or verbally abusing the other

The most common causes of road rage were drivers cutting in sharply after overtaking, tailgating or failing to signal properly. More than 1,200 drivers were interviewed for the survey.

Bannister fails to tempt Chris Evans back to breakfast show

Chris Evans has been approached to return to BBC Radio 1, just months after he left over a row about time off. But the former breakfast show presenter and host of Channel 4's TFI Friday, turned down the offer, made last week.

Matthew Bannister, head of Radio 1. contacted Evans's producer. John Revell, to ask if the broadcaster would "consider" returning to the station.

A source close to Evans, whose antics on and off the air have spawned a growing band of critics as well as a diehard core of tans, is reported to have said: "Matthew had not made any attempt to contact John or Chris since he left the station. Then last Thursday John took a

"He asked John if he thought Chris

would be interested in coming back to the station." A Radio 1 spokeswoman confirmed

situation. "As it was nothing serious, she

is not cutting short her trip to return early,

But it was not a great day for Ms
Campbell yesterday. Her attempts to revive her flagging singing career were
knocked back when organisers of the

Carlsberg Concert '97 refused her re-

The supermodel turned singer had

asked to duet on the Human League hit

Don't You Want Me with Jon Bon Jovi at

A spokesman for the show said: "Given her past singing experience we didn't

the Wembley spectacular, which is expected to attract 80,000 people.

think Naomi would fit in with the other

artists on the line-up. Her choice of song seems a bit ironic now." Clare Garner

quest to perform at the event.

but is delighted that Naomi is okay."

yesterday that Bannister had a casual conversation with Revell and had discussed the possibility of Evans doing the occasional weekend or bank holiday show but added there was no question of him returning to the breakfast show. Evans walked out of his high-profile

slot after Bannister refused to allow him to have Fridays off so he could concentrate on his Channel 4 series. At its height, his Radio 1 show attracted audiences of 7 million listeners a day. He was replaced by Mark Radcliffe, who has not been able to pull in the same number of fans.

David Lister

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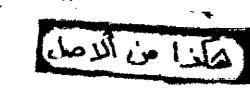
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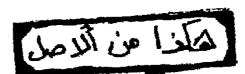


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Final eviction ends runway protest

Michael Streeter

The four-week eviction of protesters from the site of the planned second runway at Manchester Airport ended in drama yesterday when the last demonstrator and a bailiff's official had to be rescued from a collapsed

tunnel 30 feet underground. Officials blamed dry weather followed by torrential rain at

The remaining protester Matt Benson, 24, and one of the professional tunnellers employed to remove him - the socalled men in black - were cut off 25 feet inside the tunnel entrance for five hours. They could be seen by rescuers and were passed food, water and air the weekend for the subsidence supplies. Although they were

of a section of the Cake Hole thought able to scramble out unaided, it was decided this could have caused further collapses. had intimated he would come up yesterday morning – overshadowed the end of the lengthy £4m

Other tunnellers helped to shore up the walls before the two men were brought un-harmed to safety, in what officials described as a rescue rather than an emergency".

The collapse of the tunnel on what was likely to be the last day anyway after Mr Benson, a former NHS administrator,

Inspector Rick Hollinshead, of Cheshire police, pointed to the "inherent dangers" of such

form of direct action.

tunnels and suggested that they may not be used in future. The Under-Sheriff of

Cheshire, Randal Hibbert, said: said all involved knew what "It is very fortunate indeed the incident was not more serious. The protesters place not only eviction. For the authorities it vindicated what they have said their own lives in danger, but in the past about the risks of this those of their rescuers. I hope a lesson has been learnt."

Jeff Gazzard, one of the protest co-ordinators, said it was curious the tunnel had collapsed on what was going to be the last day of the protest, and that a "rescue" was needed. He

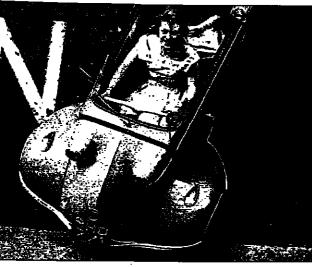
they were doing. "The protesters are well aware of the risks."

The campaign against the £172m runway had been a "success" and was part of an economic war of attrition which involved hitting the construction and airport authorities in their pocket - "the only language they understand". He predicted that airport authorities around the country had learnt their lesson. About 150 people have been removed from the 1,000-acre Bollin Valley site - occupied since January - many of them in a variety of tree houses and tunnels which were refined versions of those used in earlier actions

such as Fairmile in Devon. Mr Benson had stayed17 days underground, more than twice the time that Swampy spent down a tunnel at the A30

site. Meanwhile, Mr Hibbert very well," he said.

After the fury of the first sheriff's officials were accused of assaulting protesters and at least one journalist, the process has been mostly calm and involved a great deal of unseen co-operation between officials



The bubble car bursts back to life

Michael Streeter

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Nostafgia can come in many forms, and now it has arrived

sumption and even lower per- · as well as plain nostalgia. formance. is making a

A small manufacturing company, which earlier this year started making full and kitversions of the bubble car, claims its production books are full until the end of September and has been "inundated" with

potential orders. The new-found interest in the car, whose potential footnote in them fun.

the invention of the Mini, comes as much from young people as from the middle-

The car synonymous with drawn to the car by a combicramped legs, low fuel con- nation of cheapness and chic,

aged rekindling old passions.

Even the five members of the Spice Girls have been trying to

just over £4,000. Though the finished product

The on the road cost is usually

can produce speeds of just 75mph, it is largely the bubble car's appearance which attracts

Roger Bentley, membership secretary of Micro Maniacs, which represents around 1,000

glass fibre kit cars would help revive interest among younger people. "I think everyone is looking for something a bit dif-

ferent these days. The heyday of the bubble car lasted but briefly, said Mr Bentley, from the mid 1950s un-

til the early 1960s. The main manufacturers had

els was produced, such as the Cassakina Sulky, the Goggomobil and the Bamby. Mr Bentley believes the re-

ing to change from wartime

production; BMW, Messer-

schmidt and Heinkel, though a

wide and wacky range of mod-

vival of interest coincides with a. development of a more chic, some downright ugly. But bubble car owners, said the been German companies look- rounded shape in modern cars. they are different and fun

The interest was clear earlier this year when a collection of 81 bubble cars fetched more than £440,000 at Christie's. Mark Robertson, of Christie's International Motor Cars, said: 'It's another sign of the way people are looking to the past. Some of the bubble cars are



He's trained to jump into trenches and kill. But can he also be house-trained?

What is the image of today's soldier? Is it of a clean-shaven, politically correct young serviceman keen to do his duty? Or is it a drunken yob, abusing locals, harassing women and bullying recruits?

The British army has suffered something of a PR nightmare, with a succession of cases of bullying, drunkenness and worse. Last month three British soldiers were fined for indecency after stripping naked in a crowded Cyprus bar. The month previously an investiga-tion was launched after soldiers allegedly tried to scrub a black soldier "clean and white".

But perhaps the case that did most to damage was that of the sexual assault and murder of Louise Jensen in Cyprus by three soldiers who were so drunk that they could not re-member for 24 hours where they

had buried her body. Perhaps heeding this and trying to usher in the era of the politically correct soldier, George Robertson, the Secretary of State for Defence, is to issue a mission statement for the armed forces which will outlaw racism, sexism and bullying, it was revealed yesterday. "The mission statement will say they are here to defend our country and to fulfil their obligations. But it will also say that they are part of the community and have responsibilities, Mr

Robertson said. Some, like Lt-Col Bob Stewart, who served in Bosnia, thought the mission statement was unnecessary, believing that the problems of bad behaviour were limited to the few.

[Soldiers] know exactly what the score is and it's laid down in the Queen's regulations and the Army Act of 1955," he said yesterday. Everyone knows you shouldn't discriminate on grounds of sex or race. In the armed forces it's somewhat different on occasion but fundamentally everyone knows that."

But according to one former officer in the Horse Guards, widely viewed as one of the



to help some nice Indian chap

It was not the services that

"I had two in my troop that

were the problem, he said, but

couldn't read properly, he

said. "A lot of them come off

pretty grim council estates and

whilst you might be able to

the soldiers' backgrounds.

cross the road."

worst offenders, the likelihood someone is probably not going

of a "politically correct" armed forces is a slim one. "If that mission statement

had arrived while I was there my guys would have laughed at it," said the former officer. "You can't have a PC soldier. You're. training people to be aggressive. The kind of guy that's going to leap into a trench and kill cer, with the best will in the world you're never going to do it for them."

Drink is also a factor. Kipling's "single man in bar-racks" looked forward to a drunken Saturday night as his only release, and the Army traditionally turned a blind eye. It had, the officer suggested, its own remedies: "If they're drunk and they're meant to be on parade and you go to their room and they're lying in a pool of piss then you lock them up for a

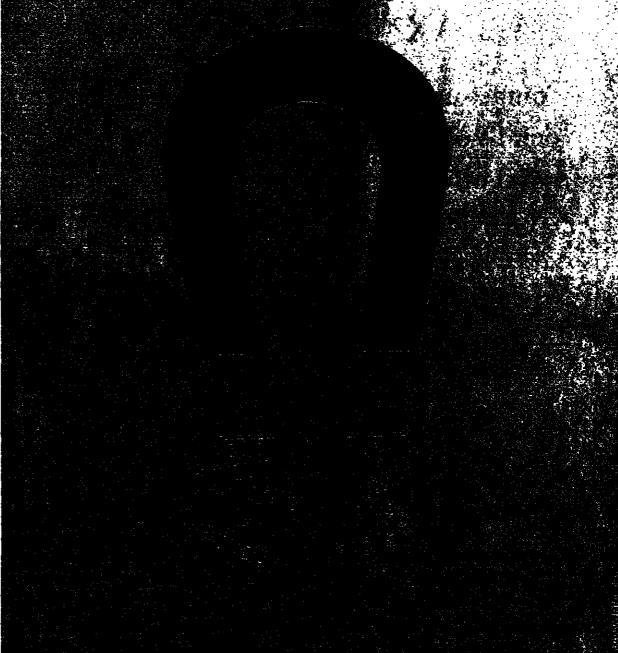
day."
The day after the arrest of the three soldiers for Louise Jensen's murder an army spokesman said that soldiers work hard, play hard". Such explanations may not be excuses, but it fuels an image of sanctioned bad behaviour that does nothing to endear it to civilians or potential recruits. Less than 1 per cent of soldiers are black, while approximately 6 per

cent are women. Despite attempts to recruit more soldiers from the ethnic minorities, the former officer said: "To be honest you'll get abuse whatever colour you are. If you're black you'll get called black bastard, if you're spotty you'll get called spotty bastard - it just depends what they see as your weakness."

The Ministry of Defence was keen to stress vesterday that the section dealing with behaviour in the Army was "one of the smaller elements of the review. The behavioural aspect will be caring for one's workforce, that sort of general heading", a spokesman said.

The former officer suggested, kindness can be a handicap: "They banned shouting at the young guys and, for example, they were allowed to run in trainers instead of their boots. But all that happened was that instead of weeding out the wrong guys early, these guys arrived in the regiment and

couldn't hack it. "You actually needed the toughest ones to do the job. That's what the military culture



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Gulf syndrome doctor quits

The military doctor heading the Government's medical assessment programme into Gulf War syndrome has left after criticism from veterans, it was an-

nounced last night.
Licutement Colonel Banu Bhatt replaced Group Captain Bill Coker, who had been insince the start of the inquiry in 1993, earlier this year. But here had been many com-

work from veterans which culminated in public criticism in the House of Lords last week.

The Countess of Mar, who has championed the veterans' cause in the Lords, said many did not want to return because they were unhappy about the nature of the programme and did not believe the Lt Col was volved in the investigations sufficiently concerned about their welfare.

able to continue his work" and the criticisms that had been levelled against him. He thanked him for his "conscientious and committed work" during what he described as a very de-

manding period.

Dr Reid acknowledged that the departure of Group Captain Coker from the programme Dr John Reid, armed forces had been a "source of disquiet" to many veterans. He was re-

ibout Lt Col Bhatt's left at his own request. He moved from the medical promoved moved that he deeply regretted gramme before Easter and moved to Washington but yes. terday it was announced that he will return to a new ministerial advisory unit. Although he will continue his

present post in Washington, Grp Cpt Coker will return regularly to Britain for discussions to help oversee the MoD's response to veterans' health con-

Dr Reid said: "I am very pleased indeed that he has

ularly for discussions. I am sure this will be widely welcomed by the veterans and it is a further signal of this Government's intention to deal positively and

openly with this issue.

Major Ian Hill, chairman of the National Gulf Veterans and Families Association, said: "I am

highly delighted at this decision. "He has so much expertise and there is no doubt he is the man for the job. His role will be

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ing in. The new MoD advisory group will include the Surgeon General, Air Marshal John Baird, and the head of the Gulf Veterans Illness Unit, Mike Tonnison. Other members will

be co-opted from time to time.
A spokeswoman for the Ministry of Defence said a new head of medical assessment would be appointed in due course and a civilian doctor will take over on crucial at a time when lots of re-

Two killings and a few more hopes for a peace in Ulster die also

Even at this early stage there is a fearful suspicion that the IRA killings of two police officers may represent not just two more additions to the apparently endless litary of death, not just a lifetime of personal grief for two more families, but also

a turning-point in the troubles. The killings took place just before noon: by late afternoon it was evident that the incident had succeeded in squeezing almost the last drop of optimism out of most observers and po-litical participants. The fear is that the two murders were specifically aimed at producing an immediate lovalist backlash. a summer of violence and confrontation, the ending of the loy-alist ceasefire and the disappearance of hopes for a fresh IRA cessation.

At worst, the fear is also that the leaders of the IRA have decided to impose a fundamental change of course on republicanism, dropping the aim of entry into all-party negotiations which in recent years has been leaves their movement with lit- now be made. le obvious alternative but continuing and in all probability

escalating terrorism. While these are the most likely consequences of the Lurgan murders, it cannot be said with full confidence that the IRA is committed to engineering such a bleak future. In fact very little can be said with confidence because the killings have con-

by David McKittrick, Ire-and correspondent founded the analysis of almost everyone, including both the op-ponents of republicanism and its sympathisers.

The puzzlement is because the IRA and Sinn Fein, in their blending of violence and politics, have generally been able to advance explanations, if not justifications, for their actions. In recent years these have been centred on the demand for entry into talks.

The 1994 cessation, it was explained, was declared by the IRA to facilitate Sinn Fein's arrival at the talks table. The February 1996 breakdown came about because for 17 months John Major refused to allow the republicans into the conference chamber. The rest of 1996 saw recurring republican vio-lence, but this was accompanied by a further offer to John Major, which in effect he refused. This explanation, while re-

jected by the Conservatives and Unionist politicians, nonetheless gained widespread acceptance throughout nationalist Ireland and in other important power-points such as Washington. Tony Blair's acone of their primary goals. If cession to power thus raised that has been put to the side, it hopes that a new start could

And so it seemed: Sinn Feir repeatedly set out its stall, indicating that a new ceasefire was on the cards in exchange for guaranteed entry into talks. Tony Blair and Mo Mowlam moved quickly, reopening the interrupted contacts with Sinn

Dr Mowlam publicly moved on a number of issues which had process. Two meetings between



Turning point for the Troubles: The scene in Lurgan yesterday after two policemen were killed

concerned Sinn Fein, downgrading the formerly pre-eminent issue of de-commissioning and indicating that she, like the republicans, was intent on designing a fast-moving talks

McGuinness did not go particularly well but a third was arranged even after the IRA attempted to set off a landmine in west Belfast.

her officials and Martin engagement was the order of the day, in other words, as the government was seen to be actively tackling Sinn Fein's concerns; the logic seemed to be as the difficulties eroded a new

layed. But the IRA has now shattered that hope of early progress, at a stroke taking two lives, laying the basis for a terrible summer and raising anew the question of whether Tony Movement, momentum and ceasefire might not be long de- Blair can do any real business

Culinary mystery of the legless toads

Environment Correspondent

Hundreds of dead toads have been found in Scotland, minus their back legs. Investigators have been forced to conclude that the missing limbs are being passed off as frogs' legs for the restaurant trade.

"This case is one of the most bizarre have seen," said Andrew Cunningham, veterinary pathologist at London Zoo's Institute of Zoology, which

examined 14 toad corpses.

Frogs' legs make fairly rare appearances on British restaurant menus. and when they do they are usually imported. The slaughterer and his client remain a mystery, although there is the possibility that they were killed for private consumption.

river Esk in south-west Scotland in April. Initial suggestions were that they were the victim of some kind of pol-

lution, or had been attacked by rats. The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency investigated first, then sent some of the corpses to the Institute at Regents' Park, central London, where Mr Cunningham discovered the far more unpleasant truth.

He said: "The abdomens of all of the toads had been cut open and then the back legs had been turned inside out and the flesh removed, leaving only the skin. I can think of no other logical explanation than that a human did this - no animal could."

More than 200 toad corpses were found along a half mile stretch of the London, a Michelin one star restaurant, said the first floor restaurant

served a frogs' legs dish. A spokesman added: "We get ours from one of the Paris markets. I also used to serve them when I worked for the Roux brothers, and I'm not aware of anyone offering British frogs' legs for sale. And I've never heard of anyone selling toads' legs,

The Independent's food writer Simon Hopkinson said: "Frogs' legs are on the menu at a few restaurants and I do like them, although I would hope the an-imals were always killed humanely.

"The best way with them is to fry them in butter with garlie, parsley and a squeeze of lemon. I don't really like Mr Cunningham said the legs were the thought of toad legs, though. It extracted while the frogs were still alive. sounds somehow a bit muddy to me."

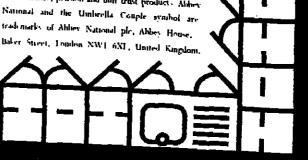


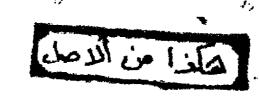
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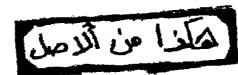
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Building societies besieged on float rumours

Tom Stevenson

Norwich Union vesterday became the latest windfall bonanza on the stockmarket with nearly two million customers getting free shares worth at

But while Norwich Union staff celebrated with a special "city lunch", the Nationwide and Coventry building societies were forced to raise the minimum opening balance on many of their savings accounts and to bar new applications after coming under siege from speculators hoping to gain from potential free share windfalls.

Both societies, which have steadfastly declared their commitment to mutuality, said they had been inundated by people

wanting to open new accounts. At the Nationwide, 25,000 new accounts were opened in a single day last week, with some a flood of applications from the

so-called "carpet-baggers". A spokesman claimed yesterday that the large number of new openings were not from windfall speculators but from genuine savers attracted to its highly competitive rates.

What we are seeing is that the number of accounts we would normally open has doubled in April and May. The amount of money coming in has actually quadrupled, we took in

£700m in May alone," he said. "But a large proportion of the openings is not speculative. For example what we are seeing is the average balance is £10,000 compared to the £500 minimum. A lot of that comes from demutualising societies."

The Nationwide is increasing the minimum balance on certain of its accounts to forestall carpetbaggers. These include the Capital Builder accounts, whose opening balance stood at £1,000, was dropped to £500 in



Wealth cheque: Norwich Union staff enjoy a taste of the good life after the life and insurance group was floated on the stockmarket yesterday

back to its original figure. Invest

Direct has gone up to £2,000. Coventry Building Society said it had been pushed into halting new openings of Mon-eyMaker instant access and Bonus regular savings accounts.

All other accounts normally available via branch outlets would only be available to customers living within a limited number of Midland postcodes.

company regretted having to in-crease its opening balances. "It soever, which, should they be of its £2.4bn share offer, netting cannot be right that our business is being disrupted by speculators who have no regard to the genuine customers." Martin Richley, chief execu-tive at the Coventry, said the duick windfall profit to which shares jumped to an early pre-

successful in their ambitions. will be made at the expense of

In the City, Norwich Union

immediate profits for new shareholders. The shares closed at 324.5p after reaching 356p in early trading. The strong debut

three million former members of the life and general insurance group received windfalls worth an average £1,300. Members who received the minimum 300 share handout have a share for the shares meant that almost stake worth just under £1,000.

Paedophile held after TV claim

Glenda Cooper Social Affairs Correspondent

Police arrested a suspected paedophile yesterday after a man claimed during a live television debate he had had sex with a series of underage boys.

As the man, filmed in silhouette and using the assumed name Lawrence, appeared on the BBC1 Kilroy programme, officers from the Twickenham police station went to the studio where they arrested him after the show. They had been tipped off by a member of the

The show was originally to have been concerned with the possible release of Graham Seddon a convicted paedophile from Merseyside. Mr Seddon who served six years of a nineyear sentence for the rape of a nine-year-old girl in Manchester in 1990, agreed this weekend he would become a voluntary patient under continuous medical supervision.

"Lawrence" responded to a request after Friday's programme which asked those who would like to participate in the show to call in.

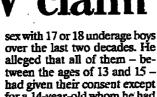
The man in his 30s has never been convicted of a sexual of-fence but claimed to have had

with Robert Kilroy-Silk he said that he had had trouble getting drugs prescribed which would subdue his sex drive but added that he did not think his alleged

said. "I can't do anything about my sexual drive. Everyone's got one. You can't forget about for the rest of your life." Asked what would stop him committing such offences he replied that only death would stop him.

À spokesman for BBC Birmingham, which commissions Kilroy, said: "The Kilroy programme often deals with controversial [vesterday's] discussion was no

One of Seddon's victims appeared on the show and "Lawrence" was invited to appear on the programme to give sight into the psyche of a paedophile. "Lawrence" was last

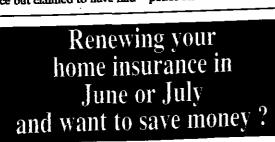


tween the ages of 13 and 15 had given their consent except for a 14-year-old whom he had forced himself upon. In the course of an interview

actions were wrong. "I think it's acceptable", he

exception.

night in custody at Twickenham police station.



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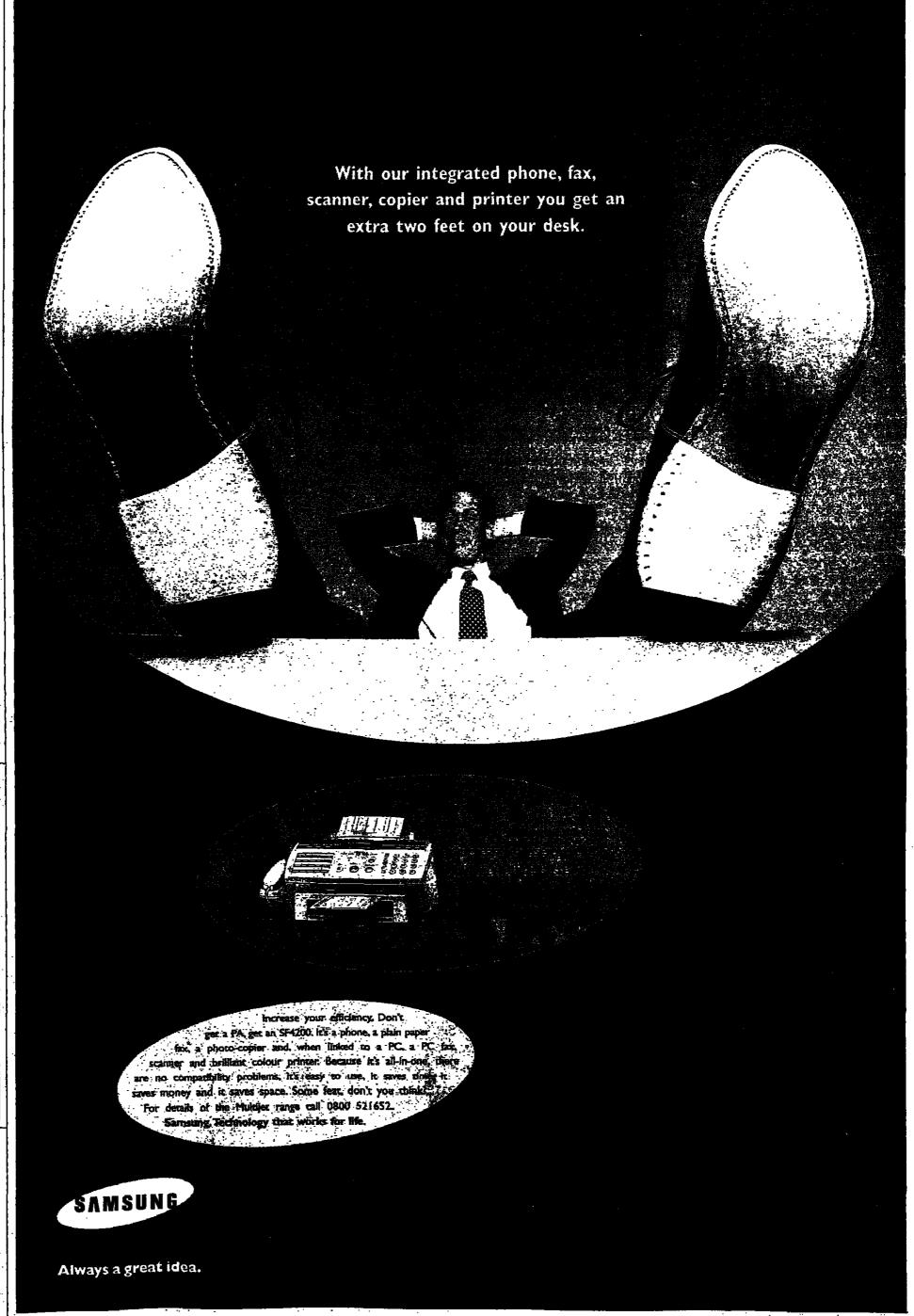
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Will this be the only sort of hunting no longer banned in the countryside? against the chase

Political Correspondent

The Government has given private backing to a Labour MP's anti-hunting Bill, it emerged last night, even though Downing Street has publicly refused to

pledge support for the measure. Civil servants have been made available to help draft the 🔅 Bill, designed to stop the hunting of foxes, deer, hare and mink with dogs. Michael Foster, the MP for Worcester, is introducing the reform after coming top in a ballot for private members'

However, in a classic case of having-it-both-ways politics, a spokesman for Tony Blair refused to promise extra time to push the Bill through. There was speculation that while the Prime Minister personally supports a ban on hunting he does not want to jeopardise other legislation by antagonising pro-hunt-ing campaigners in the Lords. If the Bill passes a free vote in the House of Commons – as

it is almost certain to do if it is put to a division of MPs - then there will be renewed pressure on the Government to support it. It is possible that even if it fails to pass all its Parliamentary stages before time runs out in Autumn, 1998, a new measure could be brought in later with government backing.

Introducing the Wild Mam-mals (Hunting with Dogs) Bill, Mr Foster said his move was supported by the majority of people in this country. A referendum in Worcester had shown more than 70 per cent in favour of a ban.

'I think it is a cruel and corrupt practice that should have ended centuries ago along with cock fighting, bear-baiting and dog-fighting," said Mr Foster, who is a competition angler, but believes wild mammals feel pain

Photograph: Tom Pilston

asonal pursuit: A keen angler enjoying a session coarse fishing on the Thames at Wolvercote, near Oxford, yesterday

number of MPs from Labour and the Liberal Democrats as well as by animal welfare

Among those who appeared with Mr Foster at the launch of his Bill was Kevin McNamara, Labour MP for Hull North and in different ways from fish.

The measure, which will be debated in the Commons in No-

Labour administration. The fate of his Bill could easily befall Mr Foster's measure. It was referred by the House of Lords to a special select committee. from which it never emerged.

The latest anti-hunting Bill has already met with fierce opposition from the field sports lobby, which argues that hunting keeps down the fox population and provides thousands of jobs. It will also be opposed both in the Commons and in the Lords, where pro-hunting MPs and peers are determined to talk it out if possible.

In the Commons, the Conservative MP Peter Atkinson will lead the assault on the Bill along with former ministers Nicholas Soames and Sir Nicholas Lyell. They hope to

reach the House of Lords. If it Hounds, said he did not see any does go to the Upper House, it will be blocked by an alliance of peers, including the Labour Baroness Mallalieu and the Conservative Lords Kimball

Lord Kimball, a former Tory MP and former chairman of the British Field Sports Society as well as a master of the reason why the Bill should get through the Commons.

Of 16 anti-hunting measures brought forward under Labour in the 1970s, only two had got to the Lords, he said. He suggested that MPs would enjoy spending a Friday - the day on which Private Members' Bills are debated - talking it out. "I remember talking about

the Weish National Opera ali night so the hare coursing Bill never came up. This Bill has all the opportunities for a good day's sport in the Friday coun-

A spokesman for the British Field Sports Society said yesterday's announcement of the Bill's title, but not its full text. answered. People who con- passed," he said.

trolled foxes by shooting them needed dogs to flush them out and to find them if they were injured, he suggested.

Hunts want foxes to exist and they make sure they are controlled but kept as part of the countryside. We are very much afraid poisoning and illegal trapping and snaring will raised more questions than it increase if this measure is

Field sports army to confront Labour

Environment Correspondent

"This issue could be Labour's gloves are off." poll tax," said a senior officer in the British Field Sports Society shortly before the general election. "Our supporters coming up to London?"."

The answer is next month, on Thursday 10 July, when hunters and field-sports enthusiasts hold a midweek mass rally in Hyde Park. Nearly 600 coaches and several trains have been chartered, and the organisers are confident that tens of thousands will attend...

Meanwhile, two groups of marchers in favour of country sports set off from Caldbeck in Cumbria and Coldstream on the Scottish Borders, heading for London and the rally 400 miles away. Others are due to set off from Wales and Cornwall over the next two weekends.

"It will be a dignified, well-behaved meeting to show our weight of numbers," said a spokesman for the society which leads the campaign against the Bill But there was a hint of more ex treme protests to come. "If people feel that their livelihood is threatened, they will do what

they will do."
The society's appeal for a fighting fund to campaign, lobby and advertise in order to save

It will seek to persuade an overwhelmingly urban electorate and its MPs of three things. First, that the sport is not snobbish - hundreds of thousands of "ordinary" countrydwellers are hunt followers. Second, that a ban would be deeply damaging. It quotes an economic consultants' report which says nearly 14,000 jobs are dependent on hunting, including farriers and vets, stable hands and hunt servants. Third, that if hunting is banned then animal welfare campaigners will have a real chance of building up mass support for a ban on angling.

Robin Hanbury Tenison, the explorer and farmer who is the society's director, said: "Animal rights is a seamless agenda ... I say [to all field sports enthusiasis] we are altogether, we are all hunters.

The RSPCA has joined with the International Fund for Animal Welfare and the League Against Cruel Sports to form what they call an "anti-hunt supergroup" backing Michael Foster's Bill - which they see as their best chance ever to ban "a

cruel and unnecessary sport." The RSPCA's legal team is playing a key role in drafting it, on 1 May.

hunting has already raised ready for its important second £350,000 and it is confident of reading in the House of Comstumping up £1m "now that the mons in November. They are expected to spend a fortune on advertising during the next year. The RSPCA alone spends £1m on advertising in an ordinary

> head of public affairs, said: "Our advertising on really important animal welfare issues is known to be shocking, and we make no apologies for that."
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> Although there is a solid

majority among MPs and the public which is opposed to hunting with hounds. Ms Parminter said there could be no excuse for complacency about getting the Bill enacted. "No one is under any illusion that it will be a difficult task."

A key indicator of how much the Labour party cares about hunting now that it is in Government will be how fast and how far it progresses with its commitments to han hunting from countryside owned by the Forestry Commission and the Ministry of Defence.

For its part, the British Field Sports Society has always had strong links with the Conservatives. For decades, its chairmen have been Tory MPs and the present incumbent, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, was an MP until he lost his Wimbledon seat



When baiting bears and bulls was legal...

Nicholas Schoon

One of the first attempts to outlaw a cruel bloodsport in Britain was made in 1800, when MP Sir William Pulteney introduced a Bill to ban bull-baiting with dogs. It was fiercely debated, with the future prime minster George Canning declaring that "the amusement inspired co and produced a nobleness of sentiment and elevation of mind"

The Bill was lost by two votes and The Times approved, saying that any law which interfered with how a man chose to spend his leisure was tyranny. Broadsheet columnists still take the same libertarian line today to defend fox-hunting with

Bull-baiting was eventually banned. Bear baiting largely died out in the 18th century, partly because it became so expensive to import bears which had long been extinct in Britain and were becoming extremely rare in Europe. It was formally outlawed in 1835, thanks to a Bill introduced by South Durham MP Joseph Pease

who was a member of the RSPCA committee. Cock-fighting and dog-fighting were also banned under Pease's 1835 Act. But the legislation was not fully effective in ending cock-fighting, and the 1911 Protection of Animals Act made it illegal to keep a place for cock-fighting purposes. Furthermore, the 1952 Cock-fighting Act made it illegal to posses any instrument or appliance that can be adapted for cock-fighting.

Otter-hunting was only outlawed once the otter was given full protection from any kind of hussan persecution in a 1977 Government order. By then the mammai's English population had crashed and it was seriously threatened, partly due to hunting: but mainly by organochlorine pesticides. The badger is also given full legal protection, alth illegal baiting with dogs still continues.

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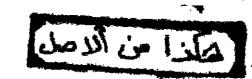


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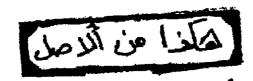
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Prescott takes central line on Tube

Randeep Ramesh Transport Correspondent

John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday ruled out wholesale privatisation of the London Underground but admitted that the Government is looking at ways of bringing in private-sector investment to improve services on the cash-

options included setting up a trust to guide investment, or modifying Treasury rules to en-

able modernisation to go ahead. "I will find the money, other than from the Treasury, to see we modernise the Underground before it is flooded from all the water in the Thames," he pledged on BBC radio.

Any suggestion that the Tube strapped network. could be privatised completely received a set back yesterday with might involve "public-private partnerships". Other possible the publication of a new report. The study, by Stephen Glaister

and Tony Travers, from the Lon-don School of Economics, states immediately to prevent the pre-sent service from deteriorating, age the use of cars. This system ease," said a spokesman for that the "core Underground is a liability rather than an asset". It adds that the Government would need to invest £1.6bn in order to make the system attractive enough for the private sector to

take the Tube off its hands. The real problem is that Labour is committed to onerous public-spending targets as well as upgrading the Underground. Senior Tube managers claim the service needs £150m

don School of Economies, states sent service from deteriorating. The report highlights other

sources of income that could be tapped; the two academics say that a local levy in the Eighties raised nearly £190m a year for public transport. Money could also be collected from London businesses to pay for improvements - a scheme used in Paris to fund the glittering Metro.

The report also points out that studies show "congestion charg-ing" could raise money for pub-

age the use of cars. This system has worked well in Oslo.

Rail campaigners warned that the Government should not resort to the policies of the late Conservative rule, which estimated that selling the Tube would raise between £1.2bn and £2bn, and which planned to use these receipts to fund im-provements. "If the British Rail model of privatisation was applied to the Underground, it would be a clear case of the cure

Save Our Railways. Mr Prescott said his review of Tube funding was far more wide-ranging than previously re-ported. He said he also had plans that would see the Tube in a private-public partnership with a "kind of golden share" held by government.

This would receive a warmer welcome from traditionalists than moves outlined in a letter, obtained by the BBC's Panora-

ister. These included a British Rail type split-up and sale, a sector for the whole of the business, and a joint venture for the whole business with the private sector holding "a majori-ty shareholding" – 10 avoid

adding to government spending. Private companies have expressed an interest in purchasing bits of the Underground. Railtrack, whose £330m profits

ma, from Mr Prescott to Geof- have already been attacked by frey Robinson, a Treasury minested in running parts of the system. A spokesman for Richard long-term lease to the private Branson's Virgin group said it also was "very interested in look-

ing at London Underground". But the private sector may be in for a shock. Mr Glaister said that he would be surprised if Labour were to create a London authority, whose main function would be planning public transport, and then hand the Tube

Festival brings in heavy metal to keep the peace

James Mellor

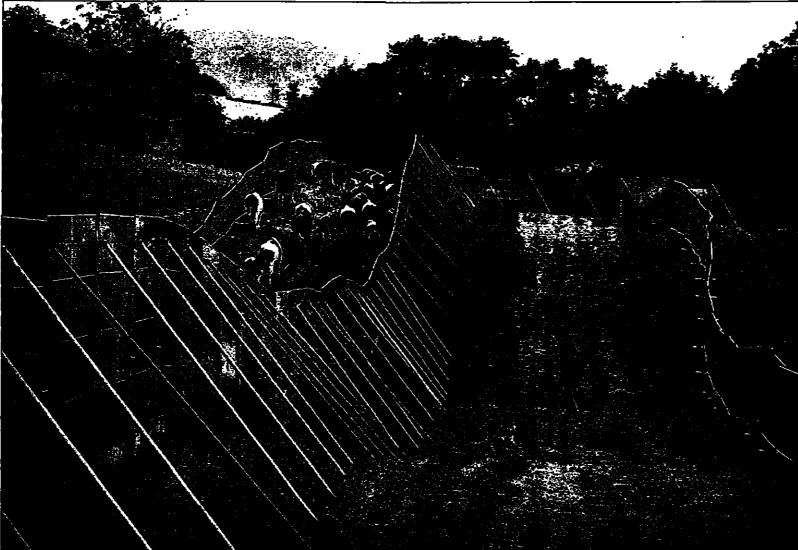
AND THE PROPERTY.

Rock and roll will come under lock and key at this year's Glastonbury festival as organisers impose the most concerted clampdown yet on gatecrashers.

The three-day festival, staged at Worthy Farm, Pilton, Somerset, opens on Friday next week and preparations have included a mammoth security operation. The six-mile perimeter of the festival site has been surrounded by two forbidding steel fences, increased to three at vulnerable points.

Organisers have added manned watchtowers and moats areas of dead land between fences - where, as both inside and outside, security guards will patrol.

A spokesman for Michael Eavis, the owner of Worthy Farm and Labour candidate for Wells at the general election, who has organised the festival over the past 27 years, said: "There will be more people than ever before involved in patrolling the site and security is strong. If people do not have a ticket there is no point in comand there is always a danger of launched the Glastonbury festival has been beset by stew-



Ring of steel: Michael Eavis's dairy herd walks between the fences along the perimeter of the Glastonbury site

Mr Eavis, 61, inspired by Shepton Mallet's Bath Blues festival - into which he and his wife gained access by sneaking ing down. They will not get in through a hole in the fence -

falling prey to ticket touts or tival in 1970. Marc Bolan played to a crowd of fewer than 1,000 people. This year, 90,500 tickets have been sold and the cost of setting up the event is cal-

culated at £6m. However, in the past, the fes-

arding and policing problems. In 1995 an estimated 20,000 people gained entry to the site without tickets.

During the past month Avon and Somerset police have seized drugs they believe were destined for this year's festival in a num-

ber of raids. Last month, heroin valued at more than £2m was discovered at a Bristol railway

Inspector Keith Jones said: "Glastonbury is the biggest op-eration this force polices. We have been clearing the streets side the actual site."

Photograph: Peter Macdiarmid

of drugs prior to the festival because we are aware the event increases drug use in the area. Seizures have been made and

we think that they are linked to the festival. We will have a presence at the event both in and out-

Post Office seeks taste of private sector

Barrie Clement Labour Editor

The Post Office announced the search for a company to help run its massive catering operation in the first concrete evidence that ministers welcome private sector involvement in state-owned enterprises.

With approval of the Gov-ernment, the Post Office-owned business, which enjoys a £70m turnover and claims to be the fifth largest caterer in the country, is looking for a company to take a 49 per cent shareholding.

It is also the first indication that the Government intends to pursue its policy of granting the Post Office greater commercial freedom.

The catering division, known as Quadrant, provides services for other publicly owned organisations and it is expected that it will now seek a considerable extension of its interests elsewhere,

The Communication Workers' Union welcomed the fact that it opened up new markets and new employment opportunities for the 2,800 employees concerned, who would remain Post Office employees. Derek Hodgson, joint general secretary of the union, said: "It is refreshing to see Labour looking at ways the Post Office business

can be expanded after years of

restriction and contraction un-

der the last administration."

er, concerned that it may signal the beginning of a drive to "contract-out" peripheral Post Office activities or even that it could preface the privatisation of major slices of the enterprise.

Mr Hodgson gave what he described as a "cautious welcome" to the initiative. The plan would mean that his members were still governed by Post Office conditions. Nevertheless, he said he had been assured by Ian McCartney, trade and industry minister, that it would not be seen as a blueprint for how the Post Office's core businesses would be granted more com-

mercial freedom. Mick Linsell, Royal Mail assistant managing director, said the Post Office had chosen to keep a majority shareholding so that the business would remain "very much part of its parent

company".

He said external involvement would provide additional expertise and enhanced purchasing power. Considera-tion had been given to contracting out catering completely but it was decided a "partner-

ship" was the best option.

A 24-hour strike today by postal workers is expected to disrupt severely deliveries in London's West End. Members of the CWU are protesting over disciplinary procedures taken against employees for alleged poor attendance.



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Tougher glasses to cut pub violence

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Drinking from a designer beer bottle could be barred with the introduction of millions of specially toughened beer glasses in an effort to reduce the carnage from drunken pub brawls. Bars and nightclubs are to re-

ceive eight million new pint pots which have been subjected to a cooling process which means they are much more difficult to break. If they do smash, they break into tiny and harmless pieces, similar to those in a broken car windscreen.

Allan Charlesworth, the Association of Chief Police Officers spokesman on licensing issues, called for the new toughened glasses to be made compulsory, particularly in pubs and nightclubs which attract a high proportion of young

The weight of evidence makes it imperative for the use of toughened glass to be included as a condition of a licence." he said.

Mr Charlesworth, Assistant Chief Constable of West York-shire Police, demanded the banning of drinking directly from bottles. "Naturally there is opposition to this stance from retailers since the practice has become fashionable and has commercial implications. However, Acpo believes the promotion of community safety and the reduction of crime overrides other considerations."

Demaglass, Britain's biggest producer of glasses for the drinks industry, has switched to the new process following comments by Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, that he wished to take action to reduce the number of glassing incidents

Mr Straw has already asked Alun Michael and George Howarth, the Home Office ministers with responsibility for crime prevention and licensing, to look at ways of increasing

the availability of safer glasses. The industry has been under pressure to reduce alcohol-related crime and Glenda Jackson, transport minister, has called for pubs to be given penalty points when violence oc-

curs on their premises.

Herson Daniel lost the sight in one eye after a beer glass was pushed into his face in a pub in London as he tried to defuse a row after beer was thrown over

frieads during a karaoke night.

Jeremy Clarke, of Demaglass, said the new toughened ses were between 10 and 15 per cent more expensive to produce. "It is often innocent parties that get caught up in pub lights and get cut," he said. "This will help to create a safer drinking environment."
The decision to introduce the

toughened glasses follows 10 years of campaigning by Pro-fessor Jonathan Shepherd, of Cardiff Royal Infirmary. He began his crusade after being horrified by the succession of badly wounded and scarred pub-goers who every weekend were brought into hospital.

Every year there are around 5,500 attacks in which glass is used as a weapon. Professor Shepherd found that 75 per cent of such attacks were carried out with straight-sided pint glasses and 15 per cent with bottles. The standard pint glass tends

to break at the rim, leaving a jagged edge and a firm base, he said. "You could not design a more ghastly weapon." Laboratory tests by the Cardiff team have shown that

the toughened beer glasses were six times more difficult to break than the standard ones. Mark Bennett, of Alcohol Concern, said: "For a worrying proportion of people, alcohol makes them feel aggressive and behave violently. The toughened glasses will help ensure

The call to prayer ... and a new job



Job seekers: Muslims at the East London Mosque in Whitechapel signing up for the Telco initiative to get the area's unemployed back to work

Jack O'Sullivan

East London Communities Or-

Muslims turn mosque into a centre to help the unemployed

They may be just emerging from prayer, but their minds are already turning to work. The unemployed among 3,000 Muslims attending the East London Mosque in Whitechapel can able to local people. now register for jobs when they worship. They are being asked

to give their names, describe their skills, the job they want and the training they need. Details will be passed on to training schemes and large employers. The initiative, which began last week, is pioneered by The

ganisation (Telco) in an attempt to make sure that more employment in Dockland's vast construction schemes is avail-Telco is one of the new

broad-based citizens' action groups that have sprung up in inner cities in recent years and aims to win 20 per cent of construction jobs for local people.

Throughout the summer, schools, churches, YMCAs and community halls will also be opening their doors to register job seekers. They are all keen Mosque. He graduated last for jobs on the Royal Docks development, the Millennium site at Greenwich, the Jubilee Line extension, Canary Wharf, the development of new bank premises on the eastern outskirts of the City of London and sundry other schemes that promise to turn the area into

Europe's biggest building site. Iqual Hussain, 22, who lives with his parents in Stepney, is one of the hopeful who has registered at the East London

rently earns £100 a week as a part-time sales assistant. However, a lot of those regical engineering from the Uni-

versity of Westminster. Like istering are unskilled and poormany attending the mosque, his ly educated. Altafur Rahman, family is Bangladeshi and he has 20, is a part-time youth worker, who arrived from Bangladesh failed to get a local job, despite three years ago. He said: "I've the economic boom in the area. "Construction companies not been able to get on any training course suitable for me. The want apprentices straight out of school and say I'm overqualione I did join was in customer service training but it had to close for lack of funding." fied. The only way to get in at my level is through graduate re-

cruitment schemes, which I The decision to use the missed out on." Mr Hussain our-mosque to register people for

Photograph: Kalpesh Lathigra work has caused controversy

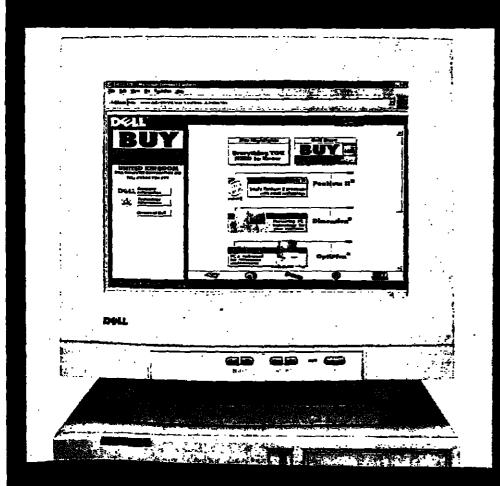
among the congregation.

Mucenuddin Chowdhurry, vice-chairman of the mosque, the oldest in Britain, said: "I have explained to people that the mosque is not only a place of worship. It has been a vibrant community centre since the days of the Prophet Mohammed. We are concerned about housing and unemployment among our people and we re-alise that the only way we can do something about it is if local institutions find common cause If not, we will continue to be be marginalised and ignored.

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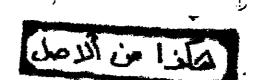
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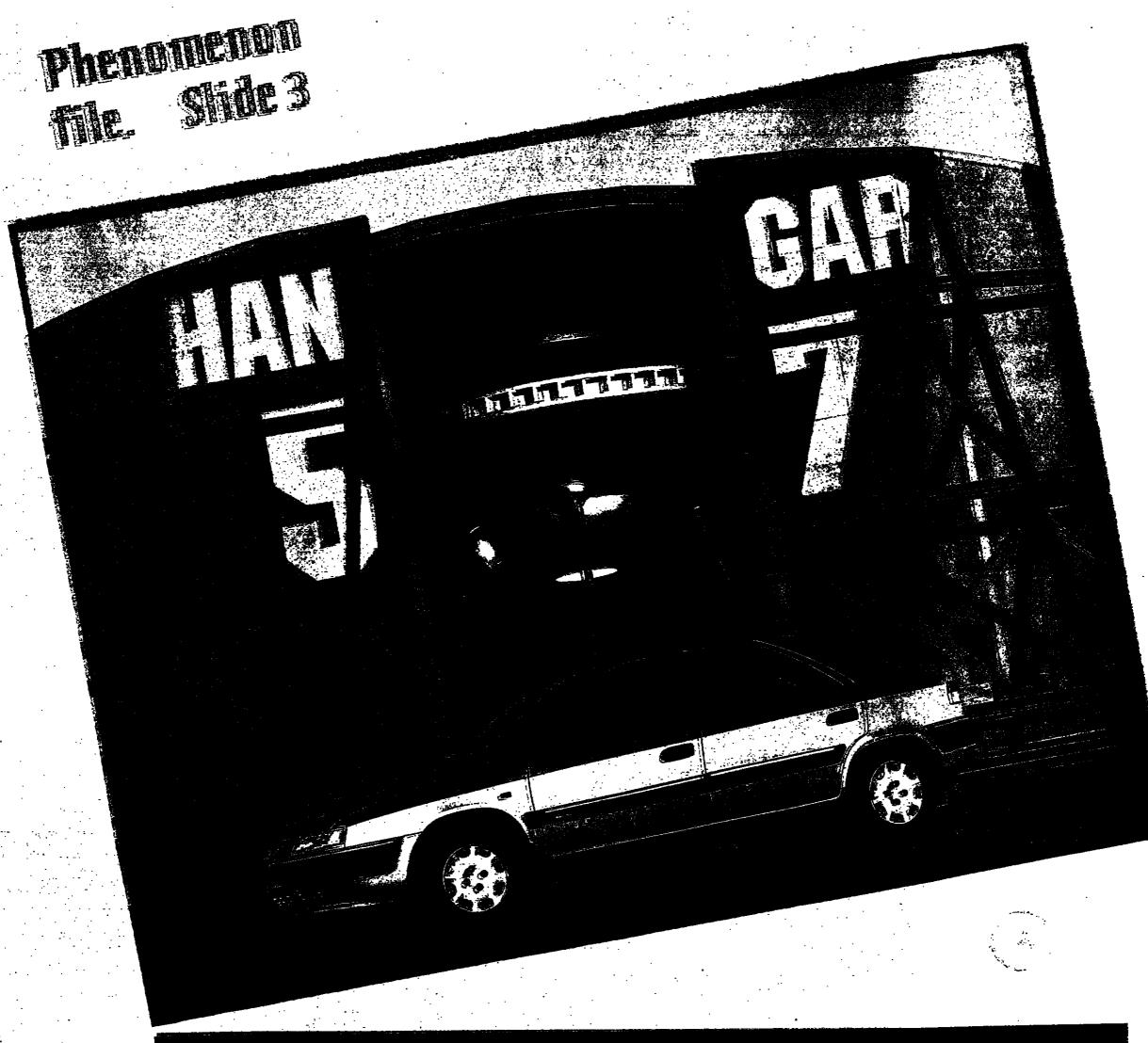


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Tory rebels talk of nightmare scenario

Chief Political Correspondent

Tory MPs last night flatly denied that they were preparing to defect to the Labour Party, but there was growing dismay among here was growing dismay among ome of Kenneth Clarke's surjustrees at the prospect of being orced to accept a Euro-sceptic state of the leadership of William Hague.

Suspicious centred on the Macleod group of MPs following the disclosure by Downing the disclosure by Downing the disclosure by Downing the Liberal Democrat leader. Paddy Achdown, has some of Kenneth Clarke's supporters at the prospect of being forced to accept a Euro-sceptic. policy under the leadership William Hague.

Macleod group of MPs following the disclosure by Downing Street that some Tory MPs had been in contact with the Government over a joint approach to European policy.

The group is run by strong pro-European senior Conservative MPs including Peter Temple-Morris and its headquarters at 4 Abbey Orchard Street are being used as Mr Clarke's campaign beadquarters.

In spite of the denials of defections, some of its members chancellors campaign.

have privately discussed the "nightmare" scenario of a defeated Tory rump being taken over by a Euro-sceptic leader. Under those circumstances, some to take

leader, Paddy Ashdown, has been kept in touch by Emma Nicholson, the former MP, who defected to his party from the lories before the last election.

The claims were an embar-rassment to Mr Clarke, coming on the eve of the second lead-ership ballot. Mr Clarke's supporters are closely linked to the Macleod group. Its director, Justin Powell-Tuck, is acting as a press officer for the former

Clarke were denying any knowledge of the possible splits, including Peter Luff, who is sceptical of a single currency in spite of broadly pro-European views. Michael Mates, Mr

Clarke's campaign manager, dismissed the reports as "rubbish". The Macleod group has in effect replaced the Lollards, the left-of-centre group for Tory wets, which failed to stop the rise of the right during the Thatcher era. It was formed partly to

counter the growing influence of the Euro-sceptics on John Major and its members include the articulate pro-European Tory MP. Quentin Davies. The group ran into trouble when The Independent disclosed that it was preparing to publish a policy document before the election. Denying it was a manifesto, the group published the policy proposals as individual

papers to avoid being accused

Mr Clarke and Michael Heseltine, the former deputy prime minister, have both warned Conservative MPs of the dire consequences of electing a leader who shuts out pro-Euгореап MPs.

They point explicitly to the stance taken by Mr Hague, who is not only ruling out a single currency for a decade, but is also insisting on all shadow cabinet ministers towing that

That would make it impossi-ble for Mr Clarke to join Mr Hague's shadow cabinet, forcing him on to the Conservative back beaches for the first time since he was appointed as a junior government whip by Edward Heath back in 1972. That is a measure of the change that would take place in the Conservative Party if Mr Hague is elected, as expected.



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Ashdown joins call to privatise state pension

Chief Political Correspondent

Paddy Ashdown last night called for the state pension to based system in a wide-ranging lecture demanding radical

reforms of the welfare state. Mr Ashdown stepped into the row which erupted during the general election campaign over Labour's claims that the Tories, if re-elected, would "privatise" the state pension.

The Conservatives angrily protested that the plans pro-posed by the former Social Security Secretary, Peter Lilley, had been twisted into scaremongering stories by Labour, which frightened pensioners on the doorsteps in the election.

But last night Mr Ashdown backed the Tory plan for the next century by calling for the surance schemes. It would not other. affect the current generation of pensioners, the poorest of whom, he said, should be given a top-up linked to wages not

prices.
Calling for "sacred cows" to be slaughtered, the Liberal Democrat leader said in the lecture at the University of Birmingham that it was the only way of

restoring stability to the system. Sources close to Mr Ashdown said: "We thought what Labour did in the election was pretty disgraceful. What Paddy is saying is that Peter Lilley's ideas were pretty interesting, and we would back an insurance-based system."

The Liberal Democrats of not believe Labour's alternative for the state pension to continue with a top-up provided of state-run insurance scheme would be the long-term solution all the parties are looking for

Mr Ashdown said: 🦪 believe we have to tackle today's, problem of pensioner poverty by moving towards a two-tier per sion, where the basic universal pension is topped up for the poorest pensioners with additional pension uprated in hite with earnings, rather than

"But for future generations, an insurance-based system would provide a far greaterlevel of security than exists today, and a realistic framework in which to plan for old age."

Urging Labour to be more radical, he said: "The only sacred cow that must not be pension to be replaced in slain in the welfare debate is our the long-term by compulsory in- duty to the poor and to each

> "If this government is prepared to work with others to build a wide consensus for welfare reform, we are prepared to work with them."

Outlining welfare-to-work plans. Mr Ashdown urged the Government to take up his party's election proposal for transferable benefits that could help employers take on more jobless people; individual accounts to give every individual a personal account number and a smartcard to check on their balance of welfare benefits; the choice about where to invest the money would be in the hands of the individual.

Archer blueprint to take on Labour

The blueprint for a tough shake-up of the Conservative Purty to enable it to snatch back power was laid out by Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare in a lecture last night.

He called for radical reform of the party's organisation, vaying it "needs not only to take a changes which have taken place leaf from Labour's book but steal almost every chapter".

He urged Tories to appoint a chief executive to drive the in capitals should be the word party to victory - a man or woman who will make Peter Mandelson get up in the morn-ing more frightened of the Conservative Party than the vagaries of his own party".

Lord Archer set out his vision for a Central Office-based response action team, to scrutinise every move that Labour makes. The former Conservative

deputy chairman, delivering the Robert Kennedy Memorial Address at the Oxford Union, called for a say to be given to party workers in the regions.

The lecture has previously been delivered by Presidents Clinton and Mandela.

Lord Archer told students political version of hearing the needs, Lord Archer said. day of the Somme". He was strongly critical of the Tories' £8m poster campaign, the mon-

ey from which could have saved redundancies of Central Office staff, grassroots workers and

agents across the country. Trained staff are necessary to bring about a Tory victory in four or five years, he said. It is also necessary to understand the in politics and why the party lost

the election so conclusively.

Top of the list and written 'division'," pointing to the splits on Europe which still plague the party.

Lord Archer, who is convinced that politics has changed and moved closer to the American model, said it is vital for the Tories to understand that television interviews count for more than a speech in the House of Commons, that "we live in the

Conservatives were fighting the battle on horseback while the enemy were gliding around in Chieftain tanks," he said.

It is this type of "quantum leap" in organisation, self-disgeneral election defeat was "a munication that the party Borrowing Labour's slogan, he warned: "It's time for a change - a change in the Gon-

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Labour MP loses whip over bribery claims

Political Correspondent

The Labour Party is to take disciplinary action against Mohammed Sarwar, the MP at the centre of bribery allegations, it was confirmed last night.

A party disciplinary committee decided yesterday that an election rival but said that it was a loan, bad failed to explain himself adequately. There was a prima-facie case that he was guilty of "action grossly detri- utive Committee will approve mental to the party", a report into the affair said.

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The new MP for Glasgow Govan will lose the right to hold Labour Party office and will have the Parliamentary whip suspended. His local party will be suspended until October, and its affairs will be run by Scottish Labour Party officials alongside its existing officers.

Mr Sarwar, Britain's first Muslim MP, has denied that he tried to bribe Bardar Islam, an independent Labour candidate. to ease off his election campaign. He faces further allegations that he bribed two other fringe candidates, Peter Paton and Jamil Abbassi.

Police are investigating the allegation and a further claim that he tried to rig the ballot by enrolling new voters.

The party report, passed yesmittee of Labour's National completed.

Executive Committee, said: "His conduct, even if legal and unconnected with the election, is unbecoming and totally inappropriate for a Labour MP."

The action against Mr Sarwar will be two-pronged. Tomorrow, Labour MPs are expected to approve a rule which would allow the chief whip, Nick Browne, to adopt a new power to suspend an MP from the Parliamentary Labour Party without any presumption of guilt. Next week, the National Exechis suspension from party office and action against his local

Last night Mr Sarwar said that he was confident that the police inquiries would clear his

"I sincerely hope that once this has happened, the National Executive will lift the suspension. In the meantime I will continue to serve the Labour Party and the people of Govan to the best of my abili-" he said in a statement

Mr Sarwar will lose the right to attend Labour meetings in the House of Commons but will still remain an MP. He will be allowed to attend branch meetings of his local party but not to sit on any committees.

The report recommended that the party's investigation should now be frozen until terday by the organisation com- the police inquiry has been

Tighter rules to deport illegal asylum-seekers

Political Correspondent

Lobby groups for asylum-seekers called for a full review of the government's procedures on refugees last night after it was confirmed that ministers want to step up the enforcement of deportation orders.

A document calling for fairer asylum procedures will be submitted to Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, within the next few days by the Asylum Rights Campaign, an umbrella organisation. The group wants the rules changed so that families are not broken up.

But a Home Office spokesman said last night that ministers wanted to take a tough approach towards illegal immigrants and asylum-seekers who remained in this country without permission.

The spokesman said: "The government is going to exercise a firm policy on persons who have no right to be here."

Figures published by the government last week showed that although the number of deportation orders more than doubled during the last Parliament from 900 in 1992 to 1,900 in 1996, enforcements actually

dropped from 2,600 to 1,900. The number of people who are currently facing deportation runs into tens of thousands. Although the Home Office could not confirm the exact numbers, its spokesman said that 20,900 illegal immigrants were caught last year.

In addition, 28,000 people had applied for asylum in 1996 but the proportion being refused was running at around

80 per cent. The government has already abolished two measures introduced by the Tories to tighten up immigration procedures. The primary purpose rule, designed to stop couples marrying solely so that one of them can enter the country, ceased to operate earlier this month and measures which forced some asylum-seekers to leave the country to appeal against deci-sions have also been stopped.

Claude Moraes, director of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, said: "Illegal immigration is a genuine problem both with people who arrive here clandestinely and with over-stayers, and there needs to be a strategic ap-proach which looks at family unity and asylum procedure."

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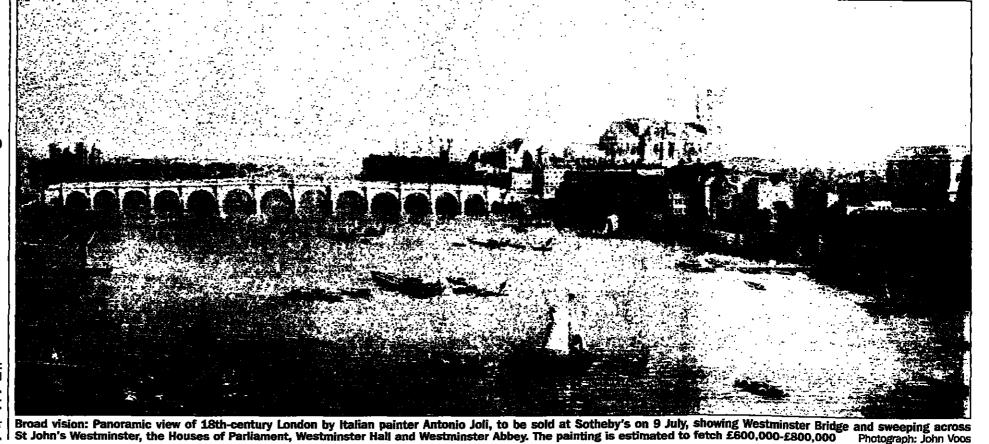


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Europe's new order takes shape

Amsterdam summit

Germany and France settle row over jobs

France and Germany yesterday patched up their differences over how to ensure the single currency creates new jobs, but the deal is unlikely to offer new hope to Europe's 18 million unemploved.

During the hard bargaining which produced the agreement at yesterday's Amsterdam summit, it was France, which had demanded new spending to spur growth, which gave ground, while Germany refused to dilute fiscal austerity measures.

The deal, based on a new resolution on jobs and growth, demonstrates that Europe's leaders now recognise the importance of job creation. At the weekend 30,000 unemployed protesters brought their demands to the streets of Amsterdam. The deal also allows European Union leaders to sign the crucial framework of rules for running monctary union known as the stability pact, thereby claiming that the euro is once again back on track.

ty of purpose has been restored. Britain is committed to putting job creation at the top of its enda when it takes over the EU presidency in January.

Tony Blair, who backed Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, during the jobs debate, argued that the agreed resolution reflected several British priorities on job creation, by emphasising the general ob-jective of achieving flexible job markets and "employability".

However, the new jobs and growth resolution, though strong on promises to share experiences and look at good practices, offers little in the way of concrete new ideas to tackle the unemployment crisis.
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vestment house, has been invited to use its role more effectively by lending to small businesses, as well as EU projects in areas of education, health care, the environment and transport networks. However, the resolution contains no suggestion that new money can be used to promote invest-

ment, as France had hoped. Lionel Jospin, the French Prime Minister, wanted a new political body to be formed which would set economic priorities, as a counter-weight to the monetary policies pursued

by the European Central Bank. The final deal reaffirms that the EU must be committed to economic as well as monetary priorities, but falls short of signalling creation of an economic government to enforce those commitments. In the weeks and months ahead it remains doubtful whether Mr Jospin will be able to sell the agreement to the French people.

Despite the declarations of new will to proceed towards the resterday's moves are to be followed up by a special "summit for jobs" in October. This will help leaders argue that unity of purpose has been researched. used to hide the rift which has opened up between France and Germany over euro zone pri-

The jobs row exupted after Mr Jospin's election and swiftly escalated into the most serious conflict yet to hit planning for the single currency. Mr Jospin was elected on a pledge to create 700,000 jobs in France and to re-balance Europe's single currency rules in order to promote greater emphasis on a social Europe" and growth.

However, the French objectives set him on a collision course with Mr Kohl, who was determined to resist any moves which would involve more public spending to promote growth, or which might weaken the curo's eco-Bank, Europe's long-term in- nomic criteria or stability pact.



For the record: Tony Blair, watched by a 'wall' of photographers, walks up to be welcomed by the Dutch Prime Minister, Wim Kok, and the Foreign Minister, Hans Van Mierlo, before the start of the EU summit in Amsterdam yesterday Photograph: AFP

Bonn banks on London's driving force

Imre Karacs

Germany's chancellor-in-waiting yesterday endorsed Britain's claim for a place at the top table of Europe, declaring that the beautiful relationship between Bonn and Paris was dead.

Gerhard Schröder, the opposition politician expected to challenge Helmut Kohl in next year's elections, said: "The days when the French President and the German Chancellor could decide everything that went on [in Europe] are over.

The Franco-German axis must be transformed into a tri-

angle involving London."

Mr Schröder, a Social Democrat very much in the Blairite mould, said he expected Britain to be the driving force behind a "renaissance" of European politics. In an interview with the financial daily *Handelsblatt*, he welcomed Britain's renewed interest in Europe, and aligned himself with London's prescription for tackling mass unemployment.

On this, as on many other is-sues. Mr Schröder is closer to the views of the German government than to his own party. which even yesterday was urging a vast Europe-wide spending programme to fight joblessness. "I have difficulties with the idea," said Mr Schröder, "that we here in Germany can implement a publicly funded job-creation programme, the way Jospin is planning to do it in France."

But while differences persist over job creation, even the left wing of Mr Schröder's party has realised the proposed EU-wide job creation schemes would have to be financed by Germany. And whatever their sentiments on the euro, all German parties have been horrified by what they see as French attempts to undermine the sta-

that the marriage of convenience between France and Germany should give way to a menage à trois is certain to be well received in Bonn. Though German ministers have refrained from commenting on recent goings-on in Paris, the frown on Mr Kohl's face as he met French colleagues last week spoke for itself.

For the past years, the two countries had worked hard cobbling together a common draft for the revised Maastricht Treaty. For France to have threatened to veto that now amounted to a stab in the back. Getting London involved would free Germany from the

shackles of its untrustworthy



Gerhard Schröder: Special

friend, but it would have to be handled with sensitivity. Italy has already complained that there are not three but four big

players in Europe. Some deal will have to be found, partly because Germany dreads being left alone, but mainly because London's and Bonn's interests overlap. As recent event have shown, they already have much in common. After Amsterdam, the focus of reform will shift to the decisionmaking process, where both Britain and Germany want to have a greater say in community bility of the common currency.

Mr Schröder's suggestion tries with smaller populations.

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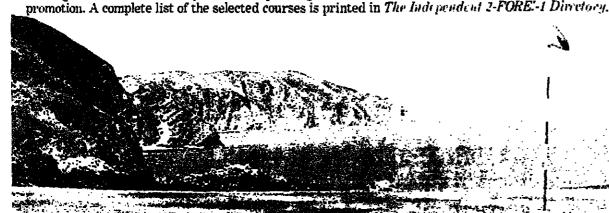


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Blair forced to sacrifice powers on immigration

Tony Blair will today proclaim success in maintaining control over Britain's borders. But the Prime Minister will play down his failure to prevent the rest of Europe adopting major new powers over immigration and

To the new Labour government, as to the Conservatives, the battle to keep control over Britain borders has been one of the most crucial in the European debate. Mr Blair can rightly argue

that he has succeeded where his predecessors failed in securing legally binding guarantees that Britain will not have to surrender as frontier cheeks, as part of the implementation of "horder free Europe." The deal will be presented to today as one sign that Labour's

new "comperative" approach to EU negotiation is paying off. However, weighed against his own original negotiating priorities. Mr Blair has had to pay a price for his success, and it is a price which could be a heavy one for his government to pay in the not so distant future. Like the Conservatives, Labour originally demanded

bate than the right to maintain national frontier controls. Britain was determined to stop other member states going ahead with their own plans to pool powers in areas of immigration and asylum. The main reason for the opposition was the knowledge that, as so often in the past, Britain was likely to he dragged in to the same com-

far more in the immigration de-

mon policies in the future. In particular, the Government wanted to stop the new integration taking place within the so-called "first pillar", which is the hard-core of EU decisionmaking, and allows the European Commission, parliament and Court of Justice wide-

spread powers Though Britain would have its "opt out" in these areas, the Government was strongly opposed to such a new swathe of integration and threatened to veto the move.

If other countries were determined to push ahead by



Mint condition: Artwork from Brussels' single currency unit handed out at the Amsterdam treaty Photograph: Reuters

pooling sovereignty in these a common ring fence around areas Britain would have preferred it to happen only as a loose inter governmental arrangement.

However, creating an area of "freedom justice and security" was a main priority for other member states. Along with lifting internal borders the other Europeans want to put in place

the EU's external borders and harmonise their common internal security. The other countries have won agreement to do this, and

Britain has made no threat to veto, knowing this would be out of tune with its new Eurofriendly policy.
As a result, the new Ams-

Union's first pillar institutions of vast powers over policies on immigration, visas, rights of third country nationals, asylum policy and reception of Judicial co-operation on civil matters is also to become integrated. Meanwhile police

terdam Treaty, to be finalised today, will lead to the far-reach-

ing transfer to the European

cooperation is to be boosted under cooperation procedures, but may well move to the first pillar later Furthermore, after a transfer period of five years, decisions

taken on many of the questions involved will be qualified majority vote. Of all the elements of the new treaty the transfer of power to Brussels in these areas is by far the most significant. The new integration is not just a matter of

institutional readjustment, or

setting priorities for the future, it involves practical steps to formulate policy on some of the most sensitive issues. The Government knows that if the EU's new common policies on immigration and asylum, combined with their attempts to secure greater police and justice cooperation, prove successful,

The deal over borders

What Europe will today grant to Britain on borders.

Britain is to receive a "legally binding" guarantee that it can maintain its frontier checks. There can be no threat, now or n the future, to Britain's sovereign control over its border. The guarantee will be firm enough to rule out any chance of any country challenging Britain's rights over borders in the European Court of Justice.

In addition, Britain maintains the right to make its own immigration and asylum policy and to enforce its own police and customs checks.

The Government has also won the right to "opt in" to European policies on immigration, asylum and police co-operation, should it wish to do so.

The agreement is therefore not officially described by a government spokesman as an opt-out" but a right to "opt in." What new power-sharing Europe's partners have agreed among themselves

Other member states, except Ireland (which is with Britain on this) and Denmark (which also wants to keep sovereignty in this area) other member states intend to give up their sole sovereignity over immigration and asylum and allow Europe's institutions oversee a single policy.

Within a period of five years, the other member states intend to end all frontier checks between member states to create what they are calling an "area of freedom justice and security". This process has already been started by some member states under the so-called Schengen agreement

Britain will probably inevitably

At the same time, the countries will agree common rules on which third-country nationals should be accepted into their states as immigrants or refugees. They will agree on standards for treating immigrants and asylum-seekers and on "burdensharing", whereby each state accepts it must take a fair number. The European Commission will take on new powers to issue proposals and laws in this area, and the European Court of Justice will oversee implementation.

After five years, the joint declaions will be taken by qualified majority vote, under the terms of the draft treaty text, to be finalised

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Peking revellers will party to order

Teresa Poole Peking

"It's going to be an organised event, so ordinary people are advised not to go there, to stay at home, and watch television, said Long Xinmin, from the Leading Group of Peking's Activities for Celebrating the Return of Hong Kong to the

Motherland yesterday. But for 100,000 selected participants, the night of 30 June will mean an all-night party in Tiananmen Square, where the guests must have the stamina to last until sunrise.

The very precise organisation means that the event will start at 10pm, but revellers will stay until exactly 5.10am for the dawn raising of the national flag.

With the just weeks to go before the handover, China yesterday gave the first details of its own planned celebrations, events during which spontaneity is not encouraged.

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Nothing has been left to chance. It has already been decreed, for instance, that as midnight approaches, the 100,000 people in Tiananmen Square will only shout out a public countdown for the final 10 sec-

At midnight, they will break into the national anthem in union with the mainland leadership who are down in Hong Kong for the official handover ceremony.

Three giant television screens will be erected in the square so that everyone can watch the Hong Kong swearing in ceremony for the new Pekingblessed legislature, followed by more fireworks and celebrations. No one mentioned what would happen if it rained.

Two days of activities will reach a climax with a gala show on the evening of 1 July at the Workers' Stadium, with 18,000 performers and in the presence of President Jiang Zemin, who



Clearing out: Chinese workers removing the Queen's portrait from the dining room at the Prince of Wales's Barracks in Hong Kong. After the British troops withdraw the base will be taken over by the Chinese military

has decided not to hang around electricity as any previous event.

in Hong Kong. "It will be grander than any event held ever before at the stadium," said Zhu Zuhu, one of encouraged; the Peking Yanits organisers, adding that it shang Oil and Chemical Comwould consume twice as much pany has provided 12,000

square metres of carpet, and the China Oil and Chemical Com-Applying the principle of "grandeur going with frugality", pany is putting up 200 canisters

The whole of Peking is already gearing itself up for the handover, amid a governmentencouraged state of euphoria based on the principle that, as Mr Long reiterated yesterday. the return of Hong Kong is "a grand event whereby the Chinese people will wipe away the humiliation of the past 100 vears". Officially it is described as a "campaign of patriotism".

Giant banners started going up at the weekend, and by 28 June there will be 100,000 of them strung around the city, and 800,000 illumination lights. A national flag 97.5 metres wide and 65 metres deep has been made for the celebrations.

No day goes by now without work units being organised to partake in handover activities. Each one must get the official 20-ahead. This past weekend in-Tomorrow Jointly" evening par- year.

ty by the East District residents in front of the International Hotel; 25 Yangko folk dance teams in front of the All China Women's Association building performing a "Millions of People Celebrate the Return of Hong Kong Heartily" dance; and in front of the Air China Ticket Building, the Peking No

4 School for deaf-mutes per-

formed the dance "Silence Ex-

pectation". Party, government and army organisations are all involved in the preparations, and it goes without saying the security will be very tight on the night.

Only those Chinese with passes will be allowed anywhere near the official Peking events, and Tiananmen Square will be cordoned off from the afternoon of 30 June.

The Chinese government is most worried about the threat of disturbances from the Muslim Uighur separatists from Xinjiang province, who staged cluded a "Create A Beautiful" a series of bus bombs earlier this

China's era of humiliation nears its close

At the stroke of midnight on 30 June, British sovereignty ends after 155 years and Chinese rule begins. This represents a critical symbolic moment because it touches how people feel about the past and the future.

The loss of Hong Kong in the 1840s represented the beginning of the end of imperial China. It also signified the painful start of the Middle Kingdom's modern era. Now, with the return of Hong Kong to China, perhaps it will complete a cycle of turbulent transformation for an old civilisation, dragging itself out of self-imposed isolation.

The experience of having been humbled by foreign pow-ers last century still weighs uncomfortably on the collective Chinese psyche. Despite its grand achievements and long history, China lost confidence in itself when its efforts were so inadequate in resisting foreign ag-gression. Its psyche is still in agony and in need of healing.

The re-taking of Hong Kong, therefore, has great symbolic significance for China. It closes a long chapter of national shame. Britain might well wish to gloss over the same period of history when its warships and troops despoiled a weak nation. At this significant moment.

will China be in a vengeful or magnanimous mood? Will it want to publicly censure Britain's plundering past? As for Britain, might it feel that there is nothing to apologise about since everything happened a long time ago, and under British tutelage, Hong Kong has be-come a successful, modern, city?

I would neither wish to hear China dwell too heavily on the nast about British treachery, nor hear Britain deliver an apologia about its colonial benevolence.

If Britain can bring itself to do so, its government should say sorry about the past. This could help hreak China's defensive armour. It would also be good if Britain can be sensitive to how Hong Kong people feel.

If China can put aside its own

fear of inadequacy, its leaders series by Christine Loh, chair of should be gracious, and for- the Citizens Party, on Hong Kong ward-looking. During the final hefore and after the handover.

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Changing Lives: Christine Loh (above), one of Hong Kong's leading democrats, says Britain should apologise for the past

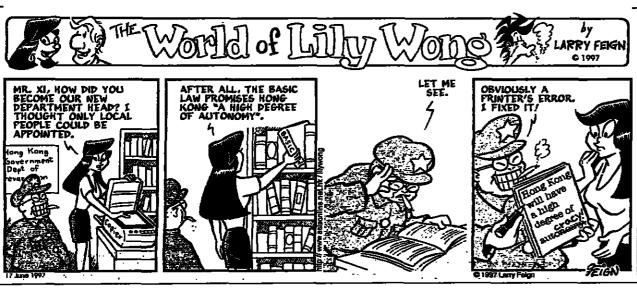
hours of the transition. Chinese leaders have a very special window of time to speak about the aspirations of the Chinese people for a modern and confident China. This moment is not to be missed: it will set the tone of the China of the 21st century.

Both Britain and China have choices about how they wish to conduct themselves. Both governments can choose to beat their breasts in self-righteous manner, or they can choose to treasure a significant moment in honour of their people. I would much prefer the latter. I would like to say goodbye to the British cordially.

I would like to welcome China in the hope that with efforts on both sides, Hong Kong and China can iron out the problems inherent in the two very different societies. A display of openness and graciousness from China will do much to enhance the birth of Hong Kong as a special administrative region.

Meanness, such as excluding democrats from the incoming government's celebrations, will only show that China still lacks the self-confidence it so desires.

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Pol Pot is days [ur away from army capture thew Chance

Matthew Chance Phnom Penh

Pol Pot, the reviled leader of Cambodia's Khmer Rouge movement, could be captured within days and presented before an international genocide tribunal, the country's veteran Co-Prime Minister said yester-

day.
Prince Norodom Ranariddh was visibly excited by his speculation, which he said was based on reports he had received from the remote northern jungle stronghold where more than 1,000 renegade Khmer Rouge soldiers are said to have turned their guns on Pol Pot and his small band of loyal fighters.

Photograph: Michel Euler/AP

moments for the people of Cambodia," he said, addressing crowds at the inauguration of a Buddhist pagoda outside the capital, Phnom Penh. "This is the end of the Khmer Rouge and Pol Pot, and the beginning of peace for this country."

Cambodian military officials are reported to be in radio con-tact with the breakaway Khmer Rouge, who are encircling Pol Pot's loyalists 25 km east of Anlong Veng. According to Prince Ranariddh: "They are ready to deliver Pol Pot to us, dead or alive.

On Sunday, Khmer Rouge defectors attacked Pol Pot's convoy as it picked its way through jungle roads towards Thailand's border. One lony is eported to have been captured in the attack and six high-ranking Khmer Rouge comman-ders, reportedly held hostage by

Pol Por's men, were released. But the group's nominal leader, Khieu Samphan, is still believed to be in the custody of Pol Pot. So is Christopher Howes, the British mine clearance expert abducted by Khmer Rouge guerrillas in Siam Reap province in March 1996. "It ap-

held by the Pol Pot faction. Bit that gentleman was not among those we succeeded in freeing A Prince Ranariddh said.

However, none of the reports have been independently confirmed. There have been many rumours of Mr Howes survival in Khmer Rouge cas tody since his abduction da a project to clear heavily mineral land around the ancient temples of Angkor Wat in the northern Siam Reap province. But there has been no firm evidence of asset whereabouts.

There is even greater scepts cism among Phnom Penti-watchers, that Pol Pot, 67, wallever again be seen alive in public. He was last photographed in 1980, but has remained hidden since then amid rumours of failing health.

"Let's wait and see what the government shows us over the next few days. We may be surprised," said one diplomat. "My guess is that if there is really. something big under way be-tween rival Khmer Rouge fac-tions, Pol Pol will go out fighting. And he's likely to take as many people with him as he can."

PR coup for Colombian guerrillas

Phil Davison Latin America Correspondent

It was more like a wealthy coffee farmer's wedding. White ribbons and streamers fluttered over a dusty town square lined by local dignitaries, diplomats, church-

men and amious relatives.

Then came the big camou-flaged Soviet-made MI-17 helicopters, clattering in from the jungle before disgorging the day's special guests - 200 heavily-armed Colombian Marxist guerrillas and the 70 kidnapped government troops

In an almost-surrealistic PR coup, the rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colomhia (Farc) handed over the young soldiers to their waiting wives and mothers on Sunday in the southern town of Cartagena del Chaira. They had held most of the hostages since overrunning a military hase last August, killing 27 soldiers in the government's worst setback of the 30-year guerrilla war.

The quid-pro-quo was not only that the rebels received their best publicity to date, but, through the mediation of the Roman Catholic Church, the Red Cross and the ubiquitous former American president, Jimmy Carter, the government had also agreed to pull out of a 5.000-square mile zone, including Cartagena del Chaira, for a month, to allow the soldiers' release.

That was probably the biggest concession ever made by a government to a South American guerrilla army, and further revealed the weakness of belea-

per, already accused of taking cash from the Cali cocaine cartel during his election campaign. It also threatened to widen differences between Mr Samper and the military over how to prosecute the war against the Farc.

guered President Ernesto Sam-

The only military personnel in the agreed zone on Sunday were believed to be the army or air force pilots who flew the MI-17s under the temporary command of International Red Cross representatives. Outside the zone, to be controlled by the rarc until 23 June, military officers were seething.

This was no humanitarian gesture by the guerrillas. Nor was it generosity on their part," said army commander General Jose Bonett. It was the end of a kidnapping. Period. We want peace but the only way to have peace is by destroying those who don't keep the peace." He vowed to continue hunting down the estimated 12,000 Farc guerrillas after 23 June in the southern area where the guerrillas often financey themselves by protecting cocasi fields or cocaine-processing labs

run by the big cartels. Many Colombian peasants in the poor region, near the border with Ecuador, said they felt more secure with the guerrillas than with the army, long criti-

cised for human rights abuses. "Now, the army is a wounded tiger," said one Jesuit priest, warning that the military may take tougher action or send in feared paramilitary groups against guerrilla collaborators.

Ralph Lauren in dock over Burma

Bangkok (AP) - An American ma is the world's largestiffrolabour advocacy group says it will target fashion designer rial for heroin. But the samples rial for heroin. But the samples and the samples rial for heroin. military-governed Burma.

"Ralph Lauren and Warnaco are working hand-in-hand with the brutal dictators in Burma." the National Labor Committee, a New York-based organisation fighting against sweatshops, said in a statement received in Bangkok yesterday.

Warnaco makes clothes under Ralph Lauren's "Chaps" label. In May, President Bill Clinton hanned new US investment in Burma to punish that nation's military government for its increased repression of its democracy movement and its failure to curb drug exports.

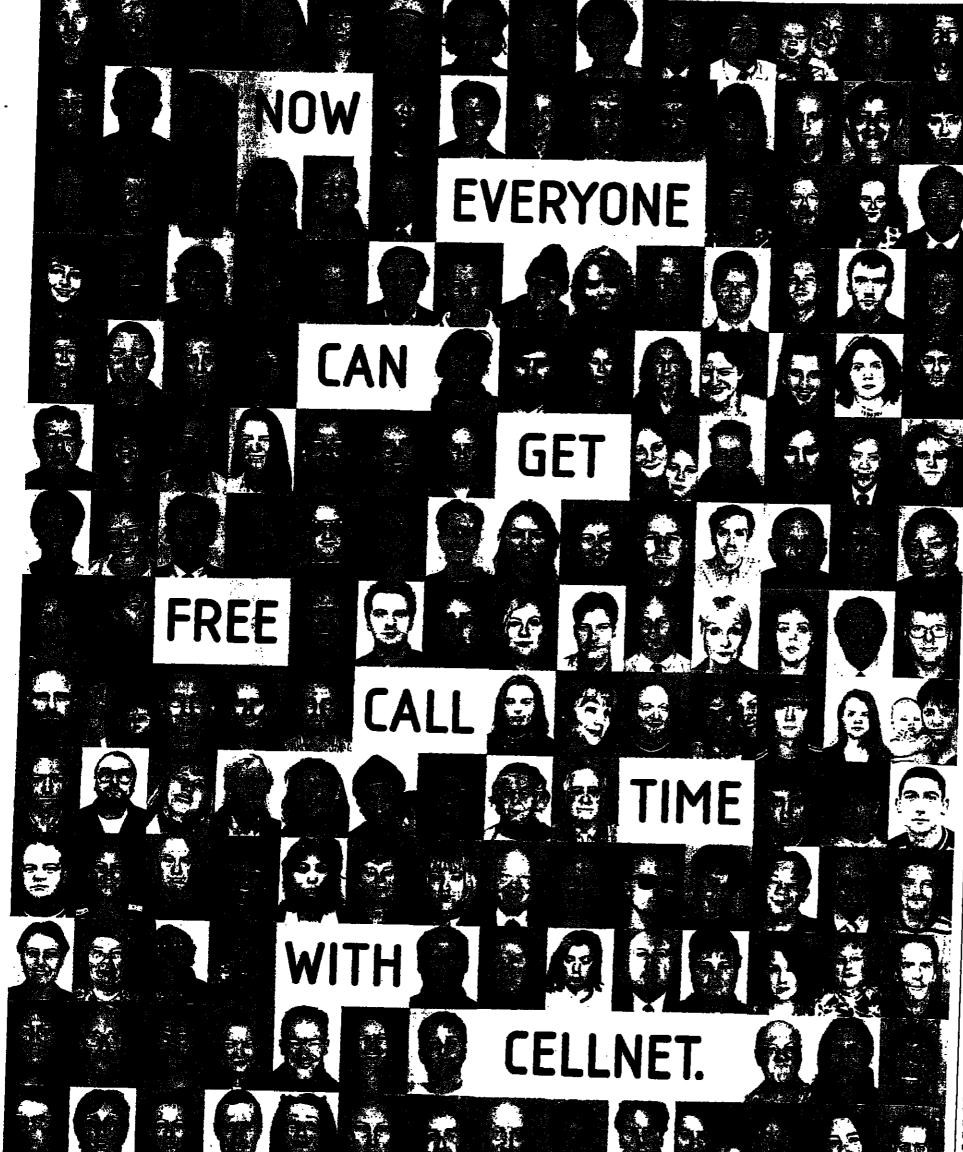
The Burmese regime came to power in 1988 after gunning

down 3,000 democracy demonstrators. It refused to recognise a 1990 election in which the parly of democracy movement leader and 1991 Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi scored a landslide victory. Bur-

er garment-makers that conalready signed. The labour group is calling for a "national day of conscience to end sweatshops" in October and warned it would focus on Ralph Lauren and Warnaco "unless there is movement".

Consumer pressure already has forced a number of UScompanies, including Pepsi, Macy's, Apple Computer and Revi Strauss, to pull out of Bu





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Turkey launches Islam's answer to G7

Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan sees his dream of a new Muslim economic club realised

Christopher de Ballaigue Istanbul

A force promoting "peace and harmony" is how Necmettin Erbakan, Turkey's first Islamist leader, yesterday described the Developing Eight, an organi-

sation he has just formed. Prime ministerial hubris is understandable: Turks and others laughed at Mr Erbakan when he suggested forming a club for ambitious Muslim countries.

On Sunday, however, representatives from Turkey, Nigeria, Indonesia, Egypt, Pakistan, Malaysia, Bangladesh and Iran met in Istanbul to enshrine the principles of what will be known as the D8. What is more, all save Nigeria sent either their President or Prime Minister. Even the fragile President Suharto of Indonesia made an appearance, although he snoozed through Sunday's speeches.

The most noted absentee was Hosni Mubarak, Egypt's President, who is angry with Turkey for attacking Kurdish guerillas in Northern Iraq. Apart from a piqued Egypt, the new club faces other chal-

lenges. Dispersed over three continents, D8 countries have little obvious common ground. Despite signing on Sunday a seductive commitment to "democracy rather than oppression", few D8 member states are democratic. While all are Muslim. there is a big difference between Nigeria, say, which has a big Christian minority, and Iran's

Shia theocracy.

But when leaders forget tiresome details like these - as they did on Sunday - Muslim unity among developing countries is an enticing theme. When Mr Er-bakan said yesterday that the D8 was not a Muslim club, he did so for the benefit of a sceptical Western press: D8 members reckon it is. What is more, they say the D8's limited numbers make it more effective than the cumbersome Organisation of Islamic Countries, a 56-member forum which agrees on little save its antipathy to Israel.

What the D8 is for is not yet clear. Not for wielding economic clout; the combined gross national product of the D8 countries is little more than half that of Italy, the weakest

Gesture politics: Necmettin Erbakan, Turkey's Prime Minister, outlining the aims and purpose of the D8 organisation in Istanbul yesterday

member of the D8's rich, Western equivalent, the G7. And the new club makes little sense as a trading bloc either, so far, apart from each another, the more dynamic members of D8

prefer to do business with neighbours and with the West, regardless of religious distinction. That leaves politics. This was

his speech at the summit to attack India's position on the disputed territories of Jammu and Kashmir. Mr Sharif conapparent when Nawaz Sharif, firmed suspicions that Pakistan will try and get the D8 to pres-

sure India on the subject when he told The Independent: "We highlighted the problem today and will continue doing so un-til the issue is resolved." It is unlikely that the D8-"a

non-political organisation" according to its architect - will take up cudgels on behalf of Pakistan. It is equally hard to see it coming down hard on Israel

current account.

Galloping defence co-opera-tion between Turkey and Israel makes this impossible.

By next December, when the D8 leaders are scheduled to meet in Dhaka, it will be clearer whether the organisation is a mildly anti-Western talkingshop or a first step towards mutually beneficial co-operation. Sunday's declaration was longer on commitment to ideals than

it was on costed proposals. The organisation may face its first major test as early as tomorrow, when Mr Erbakan is expected to step down as Turkey's Prime Minister. Future Prime Ministers may

decide that Turkey should not - as it does now - pay the hills for the D8 secretariat in Istanbul. Mr Erbakan's most likely replacement, Tansu Ciller, gave an indication of her attitude towards the organisation when she gave a press conference on Sat-urday. Despite being under the same roof as Messrs Rafsaniani and Subarto, she made no refcrence to the D8, but concentrated on domestic politics.

■Istanbul (Reuters) — Unidentified assailants launch-ed a rocket attack on the main police headquarters in Istanbul yesterday, the Anatolian news agency said. A building housing the narcotics squad was hit but it was not immediately clear if there were any injuries.

West attacks **Tudjman's** flawed poll victory

Zoran Radosavljevic

Zagreb - Croatian President boosting foreign investor in-Franjo Tudiman won a conterday. He pledged that his immediate priority would be to ter a war which destroyed inattack low living standards, which have been hit by war and

With just over 90 per cent of Sunday's votes counted, Mr just beginning to pick up again. Tudjman had won over 61 per cent with Social Democrat Zdravko Tomac on 21 per cent and Vlado Gotovac of the Social Liberal Party on just under 18 per cent.

The Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), which monitored the election, said it was free but not fair because of Mr Tudjman's domination of state television.

US Senator Paul Simon, who headed the OSCE mission, said Mr Tudjman would probably have won anyway but added: "While candidates were able to speak freely, the process leading up to the election was fun-

damentally flawed." He said the election "did not meet the minimum standard for

Mr Tudiman's position is now stronger than ever, with his conservative nationalist HDZ party also entrenched in parliament and local government.

Officials said the turnout on Sunday was 57 per cent, one of the lowest since Croatia held its first democratic vote in 1990 while still part of Yugoslavia.

Celebrating at a banquet as the results came in, Mr Tudjman said: "I promise the continuity of the policy with which we established freedom and independence in Croatia, a stable economy and currency ... now we shall dedicate ourselves with all our forces to raising the standards of living for the entire

population."

Mr Tudjman presided over a reintegration of Eastern Slavonia "a diplomat said. post-communist economic re- nia," a diplomat said

form programme launched in

1993 which slashed inflation

and stabilised the currency,

terest and domestic growth in

Croatia. But most Croatians are

frastructure and shut factories.

hurts exports, and tourism, a big

earner before the war, is only

The strong exchange rate

Zarko Miljenovic, chief econ-

omist at Zagrebacka Banka,

said he did not expect Mr Tudj-

man to be able to do much af-

ter already using a large part of

the budget to compensate war

victims. "Whatever was possible

has already been done, and

more." he said. "Unless there

is a radical change in fiscal pol-

icy and more money is switched

from military spending to social

needs, I can't see a big im-

Mr Tudiman's popularity seems to have held, despite poverty and doubts about his

health after reports from US ad-ministration officials that he has

stomach cancer. After leading

Croatia to independence from

former Yugoslavia in 1991 and

steering it through the 1991-

1995 war against the Serbs, he

is praised as a strong leader and

idolised by many as "the Father

of the Nation". Mr Tudjman's first priority

will be to manage the reinte-

gration of the last Serb enclave

in Croatia, Eastern Slavonia,

which is currently run by the

Zagreb's rule in July, which will

involve the resettlement of thousands of people, among

them Serbs who once revolted

over Croatia's departure from

Yugoslavia and fear for their fu-

ture, despite Western pressure on Zagreb to treat them properly. "Tudjman's highest priority now will definitely be the

The region is due to revert to

United Nations.

France's first major paedophilia trial opened in Paris yesterday with 71 Frenchmen accused of organising or subscribing to a network selling pornographic films involving boys.

The alleged organisers face up to 10 years in prison for corrupting minors. Their accused clients, the bulk of the

Paedophile-film trial

opens in Paris

defendants, are liable to up to five years as accomplices. The defendants included Jean-Manuel Willaume, 45, who is accused of shooting the films in Colombia with local boys for a company called Toro Bravo (Wild Bull). He denies the charges. The alleged customers for films such as Liule John I, Little John II or Carlos were arrested in a series of swoops last year and released pending trial. Reuters - Paris

significant shorts

China calls on Muslims for help

hina's communist rulers have called on Muslim clerics to help ensure stability in the restive north-western region of Xinjiang after seizing 11 tonnes of explosives and uncovering, in an anti-crime crackdown between March and May, 83 hide-outs illegally selling firearms.

Keyum Bawudun, the Communist Party's deputy secretary in Xinjiang, urged about 300 Muslim clerics to make contributions to the stability of the region that has been rocked repeatedly by anti-Chinese unrest, including a string of bombings and riots, since February, the Xinjiang

France pulls out Congo troops

France began pulling its troops out of the Congo Republic capital after evacuating more than 5,000 foreign nationals caught up in a bloody political and ethnic dispute in its

Chechens seek hostage release

Chechen leader Aslan Maskhadov, keen to improve his image and assert full control over his breakaway Russian region, launched an operation to clamp down on hostagetaking groups. Interfax news agency said Operation Shield of Law would aim especially at securing the release of five Russian reporters whose abduction has complicated the uneasy ties between Russia and Chechnya. Reuters - Moscon

Indians claim territorial rights

Canada's Supreme Court began hearing a landmark case that will decide whether native Indians' right to their traditional lands was wiped out by colonial rule. The Gitskan and Wet'suwet'en people claim they are the rightful owners of 22,000 square miles of land in remote northwestern British Columbia because they never signed treaties with British settlers. The area in dispute is more than twice the size of the US state of Massachusetts and rich in resources including timber, fish, natural gas and

£43,000 Batman comic book

A highly coveted comic book featuring the first appearance of Batman has sold at auction for \$68,500 (£43,000).

The book, Detective Comics No. 27, is considered the finest unrestored copy ever offered for public sale, said Matthew Weigman, a spokesman for Sotheby's auction house. It brought the highest price of more than 700 lots offered in Saturday's sale of comic books and comic art, which took in \$1.7m, Mr Weigman said.

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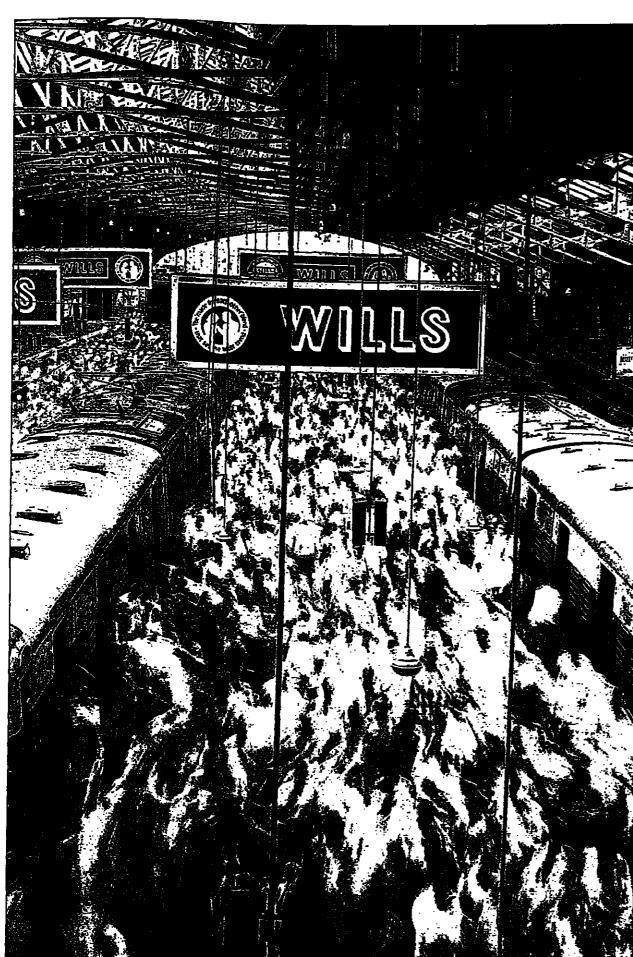
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Spirit of India rises to celebrate freedom





Sierra Leone defies junta by refusing to go to work

Michael Ashworth Sierra Leone

The people of Sierra Leone showed their refusal to accept the military junta of Johany Paul Koromah vesterday by refusing to go to work despite threats and reprisals.

The same determination that inspired the massive turn out in the elections last year, when the population disregarded mortar fire and rifle fire in order to vote, seems to have manifested itself again in the form of widespread civil disobedience.

The secretary general of the labour union in Freetown, Kandeh Yillah, made it plain to the junta that workers were not going to tolerate another military dictatorship, "as long as the military government remains in power then they ithe labour like status and unron will withhold the service among the people. of all Sierra Leonian workers

until the democratic govern- of the south and east of the ment is allowed to return," he said yesterday.

Another civic movement known as the Kamajors - which means hunter in the local dialect - are putting military pressure on the army/RUF alliance. Originally the Kamajors were the trible chieftains' personal bodyguard and the first line of defence against the RUF, who slaughtered the those chiefs who refused to assist or join

They later organised into much larger groups and were in-strumental in forcing the RUF to the negotiating table in No-

vember 1996. Although little more than organised tribal militias, they have proved to be an highly effective force and enjoy a cultlike status and popularity

They presently control most

country and are loyal to the overthrown democratic government of Abdul Tejan Kabbah, who is currently in exile in Guinea,

According to Ambassador Dinka, the UN special envoy in Sierra Leone, "not a single part of the society is supporting the RUF/Army alliance.

This is hardly surprising considering the barbaric atrocities committed by the RUF since 1991. High on mixtures of of marijuana and gunpowder they have murdered and looted.

Their leader on the ground at present appears to be Major Mosquito, an individual who was demoted three times forby Soday Sankoh, the official leader of the RUF.

The army is similary reviled due to its suspected complicity in the past with the rebels in looting and murder sprees, a

suspicion that was widely held and then comfirmed by the alliance formed between the two in the recent coup.

The RUF was useful to the army in other ways - such as providing them with the raison d'etre and providing the a scapegoat for their own criminal activities.

With the threat of military intervention by the Nigerians whose warships straddle the harbour and whose troops continue to reinforce their base at Lungi opposite the Freetown peninsula and internal dis-

sention and revolt in-country. Koromah's position is looking more and more untenable there is also a very real possibility that the junta is about to implode with rumours around Freetown of a growing split between Koromah and his supporters and the hard line RUF



Images of independence

New Delhi (Reuters) — Just two months before India celebrates the 50th anniversary of her freedom from British colonial rule, the country's government is still considering a vast array of proposals to commemorate half a century of independence, including one to erect a statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Antarctica.

"There is one such proposal that the government is considering," the Human Re-source Development Minister, SR Bommai said, in response to questions about why the government had chosen Antarctica when there was not a single prominent statue of the spiritual father of independent India in the capital, New Delhi.

India gained independence on 15 August

Photographs from India: A Celebration of Independence, 1947 to 1997; published by the Aperture Foundation, New York

1947. So far, the planned celebrations include enactments of historical events, and a special session of parliament at midnight on 14 August will simulate independent India's first parliamentary session. For two days, the government will waive

a law banning ordinary citizens from fly-ing the national flag, and will encourage people to hoist the saffron, white and green colours on their homes and cars.

The celebrations will cost the government some 510m rupees (£9m). In addition to

three committees and 10 advisory groups the federal government has set up an 88member Secretariat for the Commemora-tion of the 50th Anniversary of Indian Independence.

One government minister said they had received more than 2,000 suggestions from the public on how to celebrate the anniversary.

These included parades, starting a site on the Internet, releasing an audio tape of speeches by prominent Indian leaders, broadcasting Mahatma Gandhi's favourite hymns on state-run media and requesting every family in the 930 million-strong nation to light a candle at a specified time on



Peace process: Israeli and Palestinian relations strained by riots as death threats and crime rock Gaza

Rubber bullets fail to quell rioters in West Bank

Patrick Cockburn

In the X-ray it is a perfect white circle lodged just above the teeth. In fact, it is a rubbercoated steel bullet. It hit 13year-old Jamai Abdul Nasser just below the nose as riots between Palestinian boys and Israeli soldiers spread through the centre of Hebron for the third day. A few minutes later he was rushed on a stretcher to Alia hospital, a piece of blood-stained bandage covering the centre of his face.

Riots are starting to erupt in Gaza and the West Bank as Palestinians watch the attempt at mediation by Egypt fizzle out. Israel accuses the Palestinian Authority of fomenting the clashes or at least not sending in its police to disperse the rioters.

Yesterday Israeli soldiers shot and wounded at least 38 Palestinians in clashes in the West Bank and Gaza. On Saturday and Sunday they shot and wounded about 45 Arabs during clashes that erupted over a recent United States House of Representatives vote calling on President Bill Clinton to recognise Arab East Jerusalem as part of Israel's capital.

The focus of the riot yesterday in Hebron was the Bab al-

Zawiya, a street which marks the start of the Israeli enclave in the city, where some 1,000 Israeli troops defend 400 fanatically right-wing settlers who live in the middle of 120,000 Palestinians.

"People are not happy," said Fawzi al-Natche, a middle-aged man, as he watched the first stones hurled down the street. "They don't like the settlers. I am unemployed. I used to work in a tourist shop in Jerusalem, but now the Israelis won't let me into the city.

The riots in Hebron have gone on long enough to have their own rituals. Except at the centre of the rioting shops often remain open. Small boys throw stones by hand and with catapults and slings. The Israeli soldiers reply with rubber bullets which are more lethal than they sound because the rubber conceals a steel core. In the hills between clashes Palestinians, 20,000 of whom live in the Israeli enclave, cross rapidly between the two sides.

It is all more dangerous than it looks. A rubber bullet in the eye will often kill. As doctors prepared to operate on Jamal Abdul Nasser yesterday, another casualty was carried in with a bullet in the shoulder. Dr Mohammed, who said he did



Palestinians carrying Jamal Abdul Nasser, wounded by an Israeli soldier's rubber bullet, away from the rlot in Hebron yesterday

said: "We treated 30 people yesterday, five of whom were bad-

Unlike the last riots, in April, there was no sign of the Palestinian police, of whom there are some 1,500 in the city. Danny Rubinstein, a commentator on Palestinian affairs, writes in the daily Ha'aretz that "the Palestinian Authority doesn't have to make any special effort to ornot want to give his full name, gamise unrest and demonstra-

tions: it needs only slightly to release its restraints, and thousands take to the streets." As Israel continues to build its settlement at Har Homa, called Jabal Abu Ghneim by Palestinians, and there is no US intervention, Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, may feel that he has no choice but to move towards a renewed confrontation with Israel.

In another sign of the grow-

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ing friction between Mr Arafat's Palestinian Authority and the Israeli government, a fourth Palestinian accused of selling land to Israelis has been killed. Hakem Kamhawi, 57, of Nablus, was arrested a month ago for selling land to the Israeli settlement of Kadumim in 1988. Transferred to prison in Jericho. he is variously reported to have died from torture, a heart attack

The killings have been strongly criticised in the US, as well as in Israel. In spite of this, Palestinian legislators yesterday looked set to pass a law calling for the imposition of "maximum penalties on Arabs who sell land to Jews.

The draft law discussed on Monday does not mention the death penalty, saying only that any Palestinian who violates the law will have committed

high treason and shall be punished with the maximum penalty".

An Israeli soldier, the 11th this year, has been killed and three others wounded by a bomb planted by Hizbollah guerrillas in the Israeli-occupied zone in south Lebanon. The bomb detonated as as the soldiers walked beside a tank. Hizbollah has recently stepped up its attacks on Israeli forces.

musicians and my technicians, so I have decided to cancel." The death threats were re-

ceived by the Irish and British

embassies in Tel Aviv. Police

said they were not investigating

because they had not received official complaints. However, the Irish Embassy said a com-

Israeli ministers quizzed on links to Russian mafia

Patrick Cockburn

Israeli cabinet ministers and political leaders are to be questioned by police about their links to Gregory Lerner, arrested this month in Israel's first crackdown on the Russian mafia. Mr Lerner, detained as he tried to leave Israel, is alleged to have defrauded Russian banks of \$85m (£52m) and to have been involved in two

Natan Sharansky, once the most famous Jewish dissident in the Soviet Union and now Israel's Trade and Industry Minister, admits receiving \$100,000 from Mr Lerner, who changed his name in Israel to Zvi Ben-Ari. He says he gave it to an or-ganisation which helps Russian Jews emigrate to Israel. Mr Lerner had meetings with oth-er ministers and political leaders, but it is not known how

many received financial aid. The arrest of Mr Lerner is the first time the police have arrested a Russian Jewish emigrant suspected of leading a crime syndicate. Israel is used by Russian mafia for laundering money and holding meetings, which is easy to do without attracting attention because at least 800,000 Israelis are Russian-born. Israeli currency laws are lax, to allow immigrants to bring money into the country

The Israeli police said earlier the year that they knew of 31 Russian mafia leaders in Israel, of whom only one is really Jewish; the rest forged documents or arranged marriages to become Israeli citizens. Mr Lerner came to Israel in 1990. At this time, the Russian mafia held many of its meetings in Cyprus, but in 1993 switched to Tel Aviv police forces.

The Lerner affair is exacerbating a row between Mr Sharansky and his former close friend, Benjamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister. Accusing Mr Netanyahu of failing to keep his promise to allow Mr Sharansky's party, Yisrael Ba'Aliya, to choose the Israeli ambassador to Russia, Mr Sharansky last week refused to at-tend the weekly cabinet meeting. Aides to Mr Netanyahu said Mr Sharansky was simpy hoping to divert attention from his party's links to Mr Lemer.

The Russian mafia, also known as the Organizatsiya, grew up in the Soviet Union in the 1970s and 1980s. Many gangsters moved to New York in the first wave of Jewish emigration, though only one-third

were really Jewish, police say.
They maia had about 300
members, prepared to use extreme violence to gain control of the drugs trade and other

Singer drops concert after death threats

Jerusalem (AP) - In response to death threats, the Irish pop singer Sinead O'Connor yesterday cancelled a concert in Jerusalem that was to have promoted the city as a capital for Israelis and Palestinians. A Jewish extremist said he and

his supporters prompted O'Connor to drop out, though he stopped short of saying that he had made the threats. "Due to us she is not arriving," said Itamar Ben-Gvir, an activist in the Ideological Front, an offshoot of the outlawed anti-Arab Kach movement. "We are calling the pressure we put on her ... a success." he told Israel Radio.

The politically outspoken O'Connor had cancelled part of her American tour to perform in Jerusalem. Her concert on Saturday evening was to have said: "I cannot put in danger the been the highlight of a series of lives of my two children, my



events under the slogan "Sharing Jerusalem: two Capitals for Two States". The events were organised by Israeli and Pales-tinian women's groups.

In a statement, O'Connor

plaint was made to police.

The mayor of Jerusalem, Ehud Olmert, who is opposed to sharing control of the city with the Palestinians, told Israel Radio he was delighted that O'Connor had cancelled, but he claimed the singer dropped out due to low ticket sales, a charge

denied by concert organisers.

The emotional attachment of Israelis and Palestinians to Jerusalem makes the city the toughest item on the agenda for the still-unstarted talks on a permanent peace agreement.

Greedy criminals muscle in on lucrative world of sport

Russia's Interior Minister, Ana-toly Kulikov, is not an especially endearing character. His penchant for uniforms, his love of decorating his squat frame with medals, and his belligerent approach to the Chechen war smack of reactionary Soviet politics. In the clichéd language of Kremlin reporting, his name is often coupled with the "H"

word: "hardliner". But he is right about one thing. A few days ago, he warned that crooks from Mafiastyle groups have not only in-filtrated the machinery of state, from the judiciary to the police, but also Russia's most lucrative industries, such as gold, diamonds, alcohol, tobacco. Now, alas, another category must be added to that list: sport.

Murders by bomb and bullet have become too frequent to merit much space in the media, but the killing of Larisa Nechayeva is an exception. Even by the standards of this crimeworn society, her death is shocking. Yesterday NTV, the best television news service, placed it at the top of their bulletins.

Ms Nechayeva was the number two at Spartak Moscow. Russia's leading football club. That fact alone made her highly unusual as businesses rarely employ women in senior positions. Among her duties was tions. Among her duties was She was killed, along with an-sponsorship and trading stars; that of running the club's fi-other woman. The evidence Russian hockey teams have

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Mafia-style shooting

she attracted the attention of Spartak, whose crowd numbers have fallen off sharply since Soviet times, by promising to turn it into a "super-club" supported by wealthy sponsors. Last Sunday – if initial reports

are accurate - Ms Nechaveva was driving through Taratovo, a village about 75 miles east of Moscow, where Spartak owns some villas. At around noon, someone opened up on her car, shooting her in the head. She was killed, along with an-

points to a contract assassination, a Mafia-style hit.

nances and recruiting spou-sors. A youthful-looking blonde,

The interest in Ms Nechayeva's death would certainly have been less, were it not for another assassination earlier this year which made it obvious that the talons of organised crime are now wrapped around Russian sport. The days when sport was a symbol of So-viet success, pursued for love of the motherland, are clearly gone. In April, Valentin Sych died in a hail of automatic rifle bul-

lets, fired into his car by a gunman in a passing vehicle. As head of the Russian Hockey Federation, he was a nationally known figure. Shortly before by granting certain sporting orhe died, Mr Sych, 60, gave an ganisations the right to import interview to Reuters news agency in which he complained about the growing role of crime in sport and warned that players and officials were coming under increasing pressure from greedy mobsters.

The criminal world's move to muscle in on Russian sport owes much to the simple fact that this is where the money is. In the last few years, top teams the West's book by introducing

been raking in huge sums from their counterparts in the Unit-ed States' National Hockey League for the rights to top Russian players. When Mr Sych was killed, rumours circulated that he was not an innocent party, having had access to some of this booty which he refused to share with his killers.

Such claims easily take root here, not least because ice hockey has a murky reputation. But the problem has deeper roots which run into the Kremlin itself. In the chaos that followed the end of the Soviet Union, the Russian govern-ment lacked the money to carry on supporting sport from the budget. The Yeltsin administration decided that one way funds could be generated was alcohol and cigarettes free of tax. The result was not only massive, uncontrolled, profits; it also ensured that sport was quickly criminalised. The ice hockey federation is rumoured to have made an annual \$13m

(£8.1m) on booze alone. The practice has since been curtailed, but the biggest player of all was the National Sports Foundation, which provided have been taking a leaf out of bundles of cash for the President's re-election campaign.

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For the past 25 years Barrett

worked in a variety of media,

from the granite he found in the

hills and quarries around his

Cornish home to alabaster, slate, wood (including drift-

wood) and coal. He cut the

alabaster to make Five Semi-

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Barrett came from old Cor-

nish and gypsy stock. His early

years were marked by clashes

with the law, his family and so-

ciety. He was the son of one of

Cornwall's famous boxers, Tom-

my Barrett, who was welter-

weight champion of the West of England in the 1930s. Barrett

himself was an amateur boxer

for a while, and also worked on

the land and at sea in a variety

of jobs. He did two years' Na-

tional Service, during which

time he trained as an engineer and travelled the world with the

Navy, then settled in Southamp-

ton for a short while before

eventually returning to his native West Penwith in the

Although he "whittled away at wood" and dabbled with

painting as a youth, it was not

until he was in his late thirties

that he wandered into an art

sculpting.

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1960s.

Professor H.W.M. Hodges

H. W. M. Hodges played a crucial role in shaping archaeological conservation and the First World War operating thestudy of ancient artefacts.

His academic career started at a point when conservation was barely defined and was only just beginning to emerge as a scientific discipline, and he was instrumental in establishing two quite separate conservation training programmes, one on either side of the Atlantic. He was an extraordinarily lucid and stimulating teacher, and some of the flavour of his teaching is captured in Artifacts (1964), his review of ancient technology, still an indispensable text. Henry Woolmington Mac-

kenzie Hodges was born in 1920 at Deddington, Oxfordshire, the son of a GP. In 1938 he went up to St John's College, Cambridge, to study human pathology, but, as with so many of his generation, his education was cut short by the Second World War. He joined the Royal Naval Air Branch (later the Fleet Air Arm) and flew as observer in Swordfishes with the Atlantic Convoys, until he was invalided out with tuberculosis.

From 1946 to 1949 he taught in a preparatory school but the TB recurred and it was during the year he spent in hospital that he became interested in archaeology. He went on to take a Postgraduate Diploma at the Institute of Archaeology, Lon-don University, which launched him on his future career.

The institute had been founded by Mortimer Wheeler, who believed that teaching should include the practical techniques and skills of archaeology, so all students were given a basic training in conservation of archaeological arte-

atre, and largely equipped from Woolworth's, and Gamage's Bargain Basement). In 1953 Hodges became Assistant Lecturer in Anthacology at Queen's University, Belfast, where he began experimental work in early technology and developed his interest in conservation.

Then in 1957 he returned to the Institute of Archaeology as Lecturer in Archaeological Technology, and joined a team of eminent archaeologists. many of whom had worked with Wheeler, including Ione Gedye, who had initiated the teaching of conservation.

This was a time of enor-

mous change. The institute was about to move from its elegant but makeshift premises in Regent's Park to a purposedesigned building, with modern laboratories. At this time, too, conservation was becoming established as a recognised scientific discipline - the International Institute for Conservation (IIC) with its journal Studies in Conservation were founded in the early 1950s and Harold Plenderleith, Keeper of the Research Laboratory at the British Museum, had just produced his influential book The Conservation of Antiquities and Works of Art (1956).

Until that time the conservation of archaeological materials had been largely the province of chemists (like Plen-derleith) and highly skilled restorers who acquired their experience through apprenticeship. At the Institute of Archaeology, Gedye and Hodges developed a university training for archaeological conservators.



Courses for conservators: Hodges with his collaborator Ione Gedye at the Institute of Archaeology, London University, c1963

which combined the study of chemistry, archaeology, and ancient materials and technology. with methods of conservation treatment, and extensive practical work on excavated and museum objects.

This programme was attended by students from all over the world and, from the start, it was internationally recognised as an essential pro-fessional training. During his time in London Hodges concentrated his research in the field of ancient technology, giv-ing an entertaining and highly successful course of lectures every year to both archaeologists and conservators, and bringing together the results of his research in a number of papers, and in two major books: Anifacts and Technology in the Anciew World (1970).

Henry Hodges's international reputation was firmly es-

tablished and, in 1974, he was invited to Canada to become Professor of Artifacts Conservation at Queen's University. Kingston, Ontario. In London he had hoped to link archaeological conservation with training in conservation of easel paintings through joining with the Courtauld Institute; at Queen's he was able to achieve this link and work together with a sister programme in conservation of paper and paintings. He became an influential

Director of the whole Art Conservation Program at Queen's. His former students will re-member him for his forthright views, for his wide-ranging knowledge, and for his ability to illuminate almost any topic by

figure in the Canadian conser-

vation scene, and from 1977 un-

til his retirement he was

showmanship about Hodges'

teaching. Throughout his professional life he had strong links with the International Institute for Conservation (UC), becoming a Fellow in 1960. Between 1971 and 1974 hc was Treasurer and established rigorous practices which ensured that IIC survived during the galloping inflation of the 1970s. He was Secretary General from 1988 to 1994, and when he retired he was awarded an Honorary Fellowship in recogniton of all his services.

Despite the effects of TB which left him with only one lung (and he was never really healthy), he worked with en-thusiasm. In his early years in London he was regarded as a particularly dashing bachelor, but he was essentially a shy and using impromptu drawings or very private person, and when pertinent and witty stories. he married Jane Davies in 1965

atively freer thinking, expressed

chiefly in the creative arts and

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ing of history. With the over-

throw of Khrushchev in 1964

and Brezhnev's rise to power,

to read between the lines for

There was always a touch of he immersed himself with obvious happiness in domesticity and fatherhood. When he left Canada in 1988, he and Jane re-turned to their home in Sussex. and he spent his retirement enjoying village life and working in their delightful garden which slopes down to strikingly beau-

tiful, and very English, views. Elizabeth Pye

Henry Woolmington Mackenzie Hodges, archaeological scientist and conservator: born Dedding-ton, Oxfordshire 19 July 1920; Assistant Lecturer in Archaeology. Queen's University, Belfast 1953-57; Lecturer in Archaeological Technology, Institute of Archaeology, London University 1957-74; Professor of Artifacts Conscrution, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario 1974-87 (Emeritus); married 1965 Jane Davies (one son. one daughter); died Burwash, East Sussex 19 May 1997.

Like so many other loyal but

critical "men of the Sixties".

Okudzhava found in the regime

of Mikhail Gorbachev a toler-

ant and indeed welcoming new

face of mild authority, and he

was able to make records and

A prominent figure in the

ture. In common with many

other intellectuals and artists, he

his fear of a Communist victo-

1996 that he threw his support

Okudzhava had a heart at-

tack in 1991 while touring

America, where he underwent

heart surgery, and had suffered

ill-health ever since. In 1994 he

won the prestigious Russian

Booker Prize, but was unable to

attend the ceremony through

Bulat Shalvovich Okudzhava,

poet, singer and writer, born

Moscon 9 May 1924: Poetry Ed-

no. Moscow Literary Gazette

1956-64: Secretary, USSR Writ-

cry Union 1986-91; married;

Harry Shukman

behind Yeltsin.

publish his books.

Photograph: Ashley Peters

gallery in St Ives and was inspired to start carving seriously.

Barrett's work and life were Russian intelligentsia. Okudzhava was a strong supporter of Boris Yeltsin in 1991, and he was had no respect for the orthodox If there is one word to demade a member of the presiartistic community - he always dent's council on art and culhad a few ripe words for its representatives. They, in turn, found it hard to come to terms was deeply affected by the with his obvious talent comblood-bath in Chechnya, which bined with a scathing honesty he blamed on the government's and lack of reverence for the misjudgement, but so great was artistic establishment. For many years he struggled financially ry in the presidential election of because he refused to recognise committees or organisations which he felt "promoted mediocrity". Now his work is exhibited widely throughout the West Country and in London, and at the time of his death he

was planning an exhibition in America. From early on in his career Barrett lived with his partner Madeleine and their daughter Azure in a caravan in a wood near St Ives, before moving to a field near Trencrom Hill outside St Ives, to live in what was little more than a hut. Gradually he filled the field around his little home with huge sculptures and carvings, and, when a few pieces sold, he slowly made

Max Barrett Max Barrett started life as improvements to his cottage. In recent years, as his work gained recognition, he bought a Land Rover and a few other luxuries, though he never wore shoes. His choice to go barefoot was not without its price (he once cut off his big toe with a garden strimmer, and the dog ran off with the toe and ate it) but it was a continual reminder to him of how near we always are to

sculpture Meeting Place, which now stands outside Sainsbury's nature. A deeply spiritual man, Barin Truro, from a 10-ton granite rett saw nature as the inspirablock. He used a 6cwt block of tion for his art, and himself as a conduit through which nature expressed itself. He was often Quavers, inspired by the bird-catcher Papageno in Mozart's The Magic Flute, and in a BBC angry with the world about him television programme made in the summer of 1996 and broadand hated its injustices and ignorance, but in later life was able to channel his anger into cast early this year he sat on an passion for his work. His early enormous granite boulder in a work is often described as violent, expressing his wildness scribed how he was going to and frustration. He said, "All my find "the shape within the life . . . people have thrown stones at me. In anger, I threw them back, but not now. Now I pick up the stones and carve

them." Some of his best works came from scrap metal, cast-offs from the industrial society. He would wander around the port of Newlyn, looking for relics from the fishing boats, which he would turn into original and beautiful pieces. He said that he would "look for the shape within the piece" and would never seek to impose his own will upon an object. He would know when to stop, he said, because the wood, stone or metal would tell him: "It's like a dance where you don't dictate the moves but the material takes the lead - but if you lose concentration it's gone." He carved dolphins and cel-

los out of encrusted blocks of coal hauled up from the seabed where they had fallen from passing ships, and he cast bronze figures of sleeping cats and stretching nudes at the local foundry at Hayle. His scope ranged from giant outdoor pieces to small pieces which sit in the palm of your hand. His work is mainly of simple shapes and outlines and fits comfortably with the modernist school of west Cornwall, although Barrett would have hated to be pigeon-holed into any particular movement.

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With very limited formal education, he taught himself to appreciate and understand literature and music. He loved po-etry, but saw music as the ultimate art, listening to complex orchestral and operatic works, and interpreting them in the materials around him. He was an artist who, in his own words, "strived to channel the characterised by courage and a beauty of life through my

scribe Max Barrett it is "uncompromising", a characteristic which, in his art, has led him to produce some of the most innovative carving and sculpture of the 20th century. His constant search for new ways to express the beauty of nature and his bravery and single-mindedness in tackling any object or medium has created an unrivalled legacy. "Art," said Barrett, "is like food. It's life. It's a basic truth. Art reflects life, in all its moods. You have to trust your instructs and you'll get it right.
It might be a chord from a tune or a birdsong. You don't need to know about it cerebrally, but you can still get it right.

"I try to work with things that have love in them and then get a song and dance out of them."

Ladd); died Trencrom Hill,

Annie Gurton Max Schmeling Barrett, sculptor: bom Penzance, Comwall 25 May 1937; (one daughter by Madeleine

Bulat Okudzhava such, promoted a climate of rel-

In the Sixties and Seventies the poet, writer and popular balladier Bulat Okudzhava became enormously popular in the Soviet Union for his verse, which he sang to his own acoustic guitar accompaniment. His melodies were simple, his lyrics moving and occasionally satirical, usually dealing with love, war and everyday life. content, of his songs made him an idol of Soviet youth and intelligentsia alike, but drew official disapproval, though he was never labelled a dissident.

Addressing Arbat Street in Moscow as "my fatherland" was not a message likely to find support from the Communist leadership under Brezhnev, nor was an obvious reference to Stalin as the black cat that terrorises its neighbours, "hiding his smile behind a moustache". Tapes of his recordings were sold on the black market and the KGB acted quickly to neutralise his influence. For years he was unable to publish his work.

Okudzhava was born in Moscow in 1924, the son of a Georgian father and Armenian mother, Both of them Communist Party officials, in 1937 his father was shot and his mother arrested and thrown into the Gulag, where she spent 19 years. Other members of his family suffered the same fate.

Martin Bormann, Nazi leader, 1900;

Dean Martin (Dino Paul Crocetti).

He left school in 1942 and volunteered for war service at the front, serving until 1945. when he entered Thilisi University to study linguistics, grad-uating in 1950, He worked as a teacher at an agricultural school, as a journalist and in due de-Stalinisation came to a halt. course in a publishing house. He Books and plays were relegatsoon concentrated his efforts ed to the "bottom drawer" on writing poetry and music. until the distant future, and The dissident tone, rather than and his first poems were pub-once more it became necessary lished in 1953. He joined the Communist Party in 1955.

Khrushchev's "secret" speech at the 20th party congress in February 1956 jolted many Communists - especially those in their twenties and thirties out of the inertia of fear that had paralysed their political imagination for more than 20 years. The debunking of Stalin and the cult of personality, while scoiding criticism of the system as could not publish it.

any hint of change in a liberal direction. Okudzhava's autobiographical anti-war novel Bud' adorov, shkohur! ("Be Well, Schoolboy"), published in 1961, when he became poetry editor of the newspaper the Literary Gazette. was attacked for the "infantile psychology" of its hero. He became popular for his verse but

'Let us not boast of our righteous lives'

Let us not boast of our righteous lives, let us go home quietly tonight and let whatever's left when the last of us dies become a monument of greatest height.

And when the truth shines down from the sky there'll stand a monument of greatest height. and every man will know what, where, how come and why, but let's go home quietly tonight.

From Bulat Okudzhava, Songs volume ii. edited by Vladimir Frumkin (Ardis, Ann Arbor, 1986)

died Paris 12 June 1997. Comwall 15 June 1997, Council not liable in damages to homeless

Camden: House of Lords (1 ord Goff of Cheveley, Lord Mustill, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead Lord Steyn, Lord Hottman)

Breach of the duty of a housing authority to provide temporary accommodation pending inquiries as to whether

a person was homeless was not actionable in tort, The House of Lords allowed the appeal against the decision of the Court of Appeal to reinstate the respondent's claim for damages against his local housing authority, which had

been struck out in the county court as disclosing no cause of The respondent was suing Camden for damages for breach of statutory duty owed to him under Part III of the Housing Act 1985. He had applied to Camden for accommodation, claiming that he was homeless and had a priority need. Camden had agreed

themselves as to whether he was homeless, and had provided temporary accommodation pursuant to section 63(1). The respondent claimed that

to make inquiries pursuant to

section 62 of the Act to satisfy

knowledged that it owed him a duty under section 63(1) to secure that accommodation was made available, and alleged

accommodation. Ashley Underwood OC and Brian McGuire (Council Solicitor) for Camden: Richard Drabble QC and Mar-

Lord Hoffman said the question was whether section 63(1) of the Housing Act 1985 created a duty to the respondent which was actionable in tort. There was no doubt that it ereated a duty which was enforecable by proceedings for judicial review.

The respondent relied on the proposition that a statute which appeared intended for the protection of a limited class of people but provided no other remedy for breach should ordinarily be construed as intended to create a private right of action. Camden said, however, that it was enforceable in Camden had thereby ac-public law, Furthermore, there a claimant existed. Until then

17 June 1997 were certain contra-indications which made it unlikely that Parliament had intended to create private law rights of action. The first was that the Act was a scheme of social welfare, in-

tended to confer benefits at the public expense on grounds of public policy. A second was that Part III of the 1985 Act made the existence of the duty to provide accommodation dependent upon a good deal of judgment on the part of the housing authority, which made it unlikely that Parliament had intended errors of judgment to give rise to an obligation to

make financial reparation. The question of the appropriate remedy for breaches of duty under the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977, of which Part III of the 1985 Act was a consolidation, had heen considered by the House of Lords in Cocks v Thanet District Council [1983] 2 AC 286, in which it had been decided that no duty in private law could arise until the housing authority had made its inquiries and decided whether or not it was

its decision could be challenged only by judicial review. Lord Bridge had gone on to say that a duty in private law would arise once the housing authority had made a decision in the claimant's favour, However, the concept of a duty in private law which only arose

edged to exist was anomalous.
The respondent accepted Cocks v Thanet District Council as authority for the proposition that the Part III duties which depended upon the housing authority being satisfied or not as to various matters gave rise to no private cause of action in tort, but argued that the temporory duty under section 63(1) was dif-

in objective terms. The main difficulty with that argument was that it required the court to suppose that, in an Act imposing a number of duties enforceable only in public law. Parliament had intended to embed one temporary duty enforceable by an action in tort.

Both in principle and on the

Kate O'Harlon, Barrister

Moving and occasionally satirical: Okudzhava in Murmansk, 1979 Birthdays

Births, Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS HASAN: Elizabeth Louise Morrant, passed away peacefully at home in the arms of her husband Sonny and in the presence of her cousin Hilary, on 13 June 1997. Liz's battle against her ill-ness was fought with dignity and courage. She will be deeply missed by family and friends. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Parish Church, Winder mere Road, Muswell Hill, on Toes day 24 June at norm tollowed by a cremation at St Marylebone Crema-torium for tamily members only. Family flowers only, Donations to Cancer Research or to the Lem-phonia and Leukaemia Unite o Tim Jackson, PPW, University College Hospital, Grafton Way, London WClE 6AU.

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ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Duchese of Kent, Patron, the Authority a Rheumation Council, open the rea Kenne Institute building, Charity Cons. Westerne Medical School, London W. Changing of the Guard

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Anniversari**e**s Births: Edward I, King. 1239; Pedro

political economist, 71.

Calderón de la Barca, playwright, 1600: Jan van Mieris, painter, 1660; John Wesley, evangelist, 1703; Ferdinand Freiligrath, poet, 1810; Charles-François Gouned, composer, 1818; Alfred James Hipkins, piano maker, 1826; Sir William Crookes, physicist, 1832; Igor Fyn-

fordshire, 65; Sir Michael Came, for-

mer chairman, Booker plc. 70; Mr

Nicholas Cook, cricketer, 41: Sir

William Dakt, legal consultant, 91: Sir

Edward Downes, conductor, 73; Dr Sir Patrick Duffy, former MP, 77; Mrs

Fairweather, former ambassador to

Italy and Albania, 61: Sir Stanley Grinstead, former chairman, Reed

International, 75: Mr Derek Ibbot-

son, athlete, 65; Air Chief Marshal

Sir Peter Le Cheminant, former

7: Mr Ken Livingstone MP, 52: Mr Kenneth Loach, television and film

director, 61; Mr Hugh MacMahon.

MEP, 59; Mr Barry Manilow, sunger and composer, 51; Miss Estelle Mor-

ris MP. 45: Lt-Col Aidan Sprot.

farmer and former Lord-Lieutenant of Tweeddale, 78; Mr Brian Statham,

cricketer, 67; Captain Roderick Stir-

ling of Fairburn, Lord-Lieutenant of

Ross and Cromarty and Skye and

Lochalsh, 65: Sir Maldwyn Thomas.

former president. Welsh Liberal

Party, 79: Professor Sir Alan Walters,

mant Covernor of Guernsey,

Mr Donald Anderson MP, 58; Lord singer and actor, 1917. Deaths: Gr-Barber of Tewkerbury, environment consultant, 79; Mr Simon Bowes Lyon, Lord-Lieutenant of Hertacomo Torella theatrical designer Poland, 1696; Joseph Addison, essayist, 1719; Jean Audran, artist and engraver. 1756: Prosper-Jolyot de Crebillon, playwright, 1762; Selina Hastings, Countess of Hantmedon, Methodist reformer, 1791; Lord William Bentinck, governor-general Laira Duncan, Sheriff of Glasgew and Strathkelvin, 50; Sir Patrick of India, 1839; Richard Harris Barham, poet and author of the Ingoldshi Logerals, 1845; William Hart cape and cattle painter. 1844; Sir Edward Coley Burne-Jones. painter, 1898; Dorothy Miller Richardson, novelist, 1957; John Comper Powys, novelist and poet, 1063. On this day: Francis Dauke pro-claimed English sovereignty over New Albion (now California), 1579; the Battle of Bunker Hill, beginning the American War of Independence, was fought, 1775; the Third Estate (tiers chat) or Commons formed themselves into the French National Assembly, 1789; the Opera House, London, burned down, 1789, Macri uprisings against the British began in New Zealand, 1843; the Great Eastem left the Needles, Isle of Wight. on her first transatianne vovoce. 1868; Iceland was proclaimed an independent republic, 1944; China reported that she had exploded a hydrogen homb. 1967; General Leopoldo Galtieri was nested as president of Argentina, 1982; the South African Parliament repealed a law, by which aparthese was ended. 1991. Today is the Feast Day of St Adolph, St Antidius, St Avites or Avy of Perche, St Bessarion, Saints Botulph and Adulph, St Emily de Vialar, St Gregory Barbarigo, St Herve or Herveus of Brittany, St

Hypatius, St Molling, St Necton. Saints Nicander and Marcian and St feresa of Portugal.

Lectures

National Gallery: Mari Gritfith. "Late of the Tate (nick Moriso), Girl on a Devin", Unit.

Victoria and Albert Museum. Michael Keen, "Jewoh Art", 23 pm British Museum: George Hart. "From Manetho to the Thera Eruption: ancient Egyptian chronology" 1.15pm. National Portrait Gallery: Judge

Aron Oven, Lord Mansfield, Lord Chief Justice", 1.10pm. RIBA Architecture Centre, Landon W1: Edward Cultinan, "Standing Up and Hanging Love", 6,30pm

Luncheons

Rotary Club of London Mr Bill Cowen, President, Rotan Club of London, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Portmar Hotel London W.I. Mr Ken Standish and Mr Neville Shutman, Post Preidents, were the speakers.

International Institute of Risk and Safety Management

Baroness Fisher of Rednal was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at the House of Lands, London SW1 for the International Institute of Risk and Safety Management, Prolessor Brian Toft spoke on "Chang-

ing Safety Culture". Royal Lister Riffes

The Annual Luncheon of the Reval Unter Rifles Officers Club was held vesterday at the Army and Navy Club, London SW1, Maj-Gen C.W.B. Purdon presided.

LAW REPORT

that, in breach of that duty, they had wrongfully evicted him from the accommodation and had not offered him alternative

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Sacred cows should expect no mercy

There they go, in their shocking won on the back of specific promises on personal income tax and aggregate colours - a dividend tax, charges for home visits by GPs, mass redundancy among teachers, the sale of London Underground. Some are substantial, others rickety paper-and-string affairs that have been aloft before. Departmental ministers have every interest in upping the ante even in a year when there is supposed to be no spending round. Chancellors have every interest in throwing dust in the eyes of teenage scribblers in the City. Ministers without portfolio have an interest in making Tony Blair appear a Prime Minister unafraid to "think the unthinkable" without the horses getting frightened by the consequent thoughts, especially about the dear old National Health Service.

With a budget only a fortnight away, such gamesmanship is only to be expected. It is even welcome in reminding us that modern British government is necessarily plural; what is the point of cabinet government unless cabinet ministers permit themselves at least occasionally to think impure thoughts on behalf of their clienteles. But the game-players need to understand one thing - something that will remain true even if the National Audit Office does what is expected of it and delivers a report this week showing great gaps in Kenneth Clarke's projections of spending and revenue. This is that Labour

spending. During the campaign we quoted on our front page that bon mot of Jean-Jacques Rousseau to the effect that the British were free only once every few years when they voted, otherwise they were in thrall to a powerful authority. Nowadays it won't do. The efficacy of government depends on continuing trust. An election is a kind of compact. Labour's effectiveness in office depends critically on the maintenance of confidence, which would be shattered if that cardinal promise about taxing and spending were broken.

Gordon Brown can still let his fiscal imagination soar. Selling all or part of London Underground should be only the beginning of a rigorous review of state assets which consistently asks: is this public purpose best fulfilled by public ownership or by some mixed scheme of contracting and privatisation. (The only relevant questions for the Tube are: how to secure effective management and better service without excessive fare rises. The practical answer looks like some kind of sale of the network allowing the private sector to unlock its property value.)

Keeping the average citizen's not preclude changing rates or allowances. Labour's challenge is not



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the signals sent by changes in the tax regime speak of its values and priorities. Abolishing the tax credit on dividends has to be judged on whether it discourages personal pension provision; would it make companies more likely to invest retained profit? New taxes can have unintended consequences. Look at the way the system is encrusted, despite Nigel Lawson's efforts, with distortions. Mortgage tax income-tax payments constant does relief is a relic which could be abolished without infringing Labour's promise on income tax - it is a form of bribery for finding the bits and pieces but a certain category of property purbudgeting strategically - ensuring that chaser which distorts the market and

contributes to an inflation proneness. If, as reports suggest, the Government has got chilly feet, more is the pity; the rumoured increase in stamp duty would

only partially compensate. Labour's tax promise was for the duration of the Parliament. Its spending promise was only for two years. Pressure to spend grows the nearer an election gets. So unless Gordon Brown gets his retaliation in first, he is never likely to have the chance again. If ever he is going to be an iron man on the spending front, now is the hour.

But controlling spending ought not to be some mindless exercise in nay-

saying. The Comprehensive Spending think harder about spending. In Reviews announced last week ought to be rich and creative. It is hard to believe that the Thatcher-Major years have squeezed every excess penny out of the public purse. One of Mr Brown's problems is whether, the Treasury having lost staff, he will be imaginatively advised about the sacred cows and the bleeding stumps; the indications are that the team assembled at No 10 will be useful allies. But spending reviews are only as good as the political imperatives that drive them. It is not enough, for example, to ask hard questions about Britain's excessive defence budget; the time has come for cancellations of orders and further retrenchment on service numbers and sites.

Tony Blair has made his political fortune by cracking shibboleths. Official spending plans are still littered with what are effectively excuses for public employment rather than lean machines for delivering services. There are virtually no problems in the 1998-99 round that would not be solved overnight by freezing public service pay. On spending, most evidence is tainted by special pleading. Health may be an exception. It was evident before the election that by the autumn deficits would be biting back in the form of reduced hospital admissions. Frank Dobson got into trouble last week for promising to think hard about charges: even more challenging would be to

schools, too, the voices of teachers and heads and governors need to be heard, but not necessarily answered in every word. Mr Brown may during the summer come to be convinced by the case for extra spending on education and health. But the Government remains obliged to revise departmental totals for education and health only by adjusting spending elsewhere - downwards.

Barnsley's outlook? Just champion

The latest odds against Barnsley win-I ming the Premiership, to which it has just been promoted, were given yesterday at 1,000 to one. The bookies' assessment is objective, and won't change much even if the South Yorkshire club succeed in signing the Macedonian striker Georgei Hristov. Those odds say the gap between top clubs and also-rans is now unbridgeable and, given their spending power and access to world. markets, that is probably right. We live in an increasingly deterministic world where miracles don't happen. And yet the dream of giant-killing lives on. Look at Wimbledon's run last season. Is it really impossible that Barnsley could prove the form-makers wrong and end the season somewhere near the top?

- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

Tory MPs unite behind the ostrich

Sir: I cannot believe what is

In 1979 Labour's response to the Tory win was that they clearly weren't left-wing enough, so they elected Michael Foot as their new leader. By 1983 Labour still cannot have been left-wing enough because they lost again. After splits and another thumping in 1987 Labour's attitude started to shift. Meanwhile, the Tories recruited more exponents of the new right-wing orthodoxies as

wing. In 1992, despite Labour's shift to the right, the Tories scraped another chance. They used this to conduct an orgy of infighting between left and right, between Europhile and Europhobe, so that the parliamentary party became unmanageable. Conversely, the Labour Party united behind a position even farther to the right.

Now, after one of the most crushing election defeats ever, the message from the Tories is that they clearly aren't right-wing enough. They must make a principled stand now against the onward march of European federalism, rather than make a considered judgement at the appropriate time. They must unite behind the ostrich style of leadership and elect their own Michael Foot. Are we really to be condemned to 18 years of increasingly leftward and interventionist Labour government because Tory MPs have too many principles to learn from recent history? PETER ZIVANOVÍC Hampshire

Sir: In denying rumours about his sexuality. William Hague is reported to have said that if he were gay he would not have put himself forward as a candidate for the leadership of the Tory party (report, 14 June). Are we to conclude that he considers gay people are inherently unfit to hold PAUL BRETT

'Insensitive' boys could be right

Sir: If girls "recognise social norms without prompting" but boys are "socially insensitive" ("Why boys will be boys", 12 June), then what happens if the norms of a society change to aggressive forms of behaviour?

Although most crimes of violence are currently carried out by men, crimes of violence by women are increasing at a much faster rate. Between 1985 and 1995, female convictions for violence increased by about 100 per cent, whereas male convictions increased by only 20 per cent. Other traditionally male vices, such as smoking and alcoholism, have a similar pattern.

In the past, socialisation of girls stressed behaviour, such as gentleness, compatible with domesticity and raising children. Now the emphasis is very much on the sort of cold-blooded ruthlessness needed to climb to the top of the greasy pole in the world of work. Social norms for girls have thus changed, girls' behaviour is rapidly changing to suit these new norms. In a society



where the social norms are pretty dreadful, the "socially insensitive" might well be the nicest people. CLIVE MATHER Sheffield

Sir: Your report says a gene has been found which makes women more ... able to recognise social norms" and includes a quote on how this makes men more likely to be warlike. Let us also acknowledge the more positive aspect of less "socially normal" males, which must include a greater capacity for innovation. Most great innovations disturb society and it can make life

difficult for the inventor (look at Darwin). If you are less able to recognise social norms, you are less likely to follow them. The fact that most innovations have come from men was not just a result of women having less time. KEITH HENSON London NW3

Sir. I learnt from your front-page report that girls are hardwired to be responsive to others, whereas boys have to be programmed if they are to have the same ability. is, however, the converse true?

It seems likely that a New Man could ignore his programming if circumstances so demanded, but could a woman ever do likewise? Are my attempts to teach my daughters to look at things objectively, rather than through a iens of often inappropriate "intuition", doomed to failure? Or are things a lot more complicated than the research on this single gene indicates? RICHARD BARTLE Colchester.

Leave Ascension to the birds

Sir. Andrew Marshall, in his article about Ascension Island (31 May), suggested that the fragile economy of the island could be propped up by developing tourism. I write to question the assumption that Ascension needs a new function defined primarily in terms of human economics.

In spite of the devastation caused by the introduction of predators, Ascension is still an sland of global significance for the breeding of seabirds, since it is the only speck of land available to them in an enormous tract of

tropical ocean. Introduced feral cats, rats, mice and other invasive animals and plants have caused devastation of the original seabird community and the native vegetation, as on other islands worldwide. Vastly reduced populations of seabirds maintain colonies on the offshore islets of Ascension which remain oredator-free.

Two years ago I was a consultant for a feasibility study, funded by the Government, which indicated that the major predators of seabirds could be eliminated, using techniques perfected on some of the most threatened islands in the Indian Ocean and New Zealand. This would eventually permit recovery of the seabird populations of Ascension and eventually transform it into a reserve of international standing which could only bring credit on Britain.

Apart from the seabirds, Ascension is also home to a large array of endemic invertebrates, many of which have only been discovered in the course of recent research by my wife and myself.

Ascension is important as the earest airport to St Helena, 800 miles away, and presumably the Americans also still require the use of their base, but other users are reducing their operations. Why not simply scale the establishment of Ascension down to essentials? The state of the island in the 1950s, when I lived there for more than a vear, was in many respects

preferable to that seen today. There is no indigenous human population on Ascension and the St Helenians who work there are on contract; their home is St Helena. The "Saints" need jobs, since opportunities on their home island are severely limited. However there is a solution to this problem. A Royal Charter of 1673 stated: "Natives of St Helena to be free denizens of England." These rights have gradually been abrogated, but if they were restored, as justice demands, those who needed work outside St

Helena would have the option to come to Britain, as they did in the past. Possibly a couple of thousand would do so; certainly not many more, since the total population is less than 6,000. So, why not remove the predators from Ascension, and leave the island largely to the birds

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Dr PHILIP ASHMOLE

Luxury city for some

Sir: Your photograph of Battersea ("Arise Lord Rogers", 13 June) says it all - a narrow band of luxury dwellings shutting off the Thames from the residents of the wide swath of old council high-rise estates behind, where a recent survey in my parish revealed that 61 per cent earned less than £150 a

When I came to this parish 25 years ago the riverside was occupied by large factories that provided employment; the river was bustling with life, barges and cranes; local youths were free to sit on the river bank and fish. Now the river is dead, with not even a riverbus, while Battersea roads choke with traffic; the occupants of the luxury flats escape to second homes in the country at weekends; rising house prices drive those who service London's hospitals, shops and schools further and further out to Thornton Heath and beyond; antiquated planning laws give us no voice and no chance of

Is this riding a wave of the future? May God forgive us all. Who trains these architects, planners and law-makers and gives them such blinkered vision that they can think only of each new site in isolation and ignore all immediate surroundings? Week after week local residents meet in my vicarage and express what they need - places of employment. meeting, recreation and

refreshment - and no one in powe

will listen. Yes, no doubt we do need "densely populated, compact cities" where people have all "life, work and leisure within walking distance", but this will not be achieved by building super-luxury housing on all the prime sites, for those who will continue to demand their weekend retreat in the ever more overburdened countryside. Who are you kidding, Lord Rogers?

The Rev M A WIMSHURST London SW11

RAF's 'lovely' bombing raids

Sir: On the subject of RAF bombers on postage stamps (Letters, 11, 14 June), I find the following entry from my diary dated 26 May 1943, shortly after a return to England after a couple of years overseas. Yesterday a civilian said to me,

"Gosh, wasn't it a lovely raid we had last night!" I replied: "Oh, I didn't hear anything."

"Oh, I meant the Druisburg raid." "Oh", I said, "I thought you meant London."

"Heavens no," came the answer. "I would have said a terrible raid if it had been London." This nice distinction between the

lovely and the terrible amused me. I wish people who now castigate the actions of Bomber Command would allow of some reference to the context in which the air war took place. **EAJOHNSTON** Seaford.

East Sussex

Wherefore art thou so sad?

Sir: What a sad old fuddy-duddy Walter Roberts is. ("Grammarians weep! The bell tolls for whom". 14 June). Language is constantly changing, and the role of the grammarian is to describe language as it is used, not to prescribe.

The only time to complain is when the loss of words leads to a loss of precision, and this has being going on since well before Mr Roberts was born. For example, we have lost the distinction between "why" and "wherefore". "Wherefore art thou Romeo?" means something different to "Why art thou Romeo?". "Wherefore" implies that the fate of the star-crossed lovers was preordained for some unknown purpose, but the use of that word, essential to our understanding of

the story, declined long ago. The writer is also wrong when he claims that "toe rag" derives from Tuareg". The Concise Oxford Dictionary states that it derives from the practice of tramps wrapping their feet in rags in place of socks - a toe rag is a tramp. First take the beam out of thine own eye. DAVID FORSTER Knowsley, Merseyside

Sir: A "toe-rag" was the lowest grade of dock labourer in London. It was their job to level the grain in grain-bins. To protect their feet they wrapped rags round their

It is sad that the denizens of Canary Wharf should be so unaware of the dialect spoken by the dock labourers and their descendants. Your building stands. metaphorically, on their shoulders. DAVID McLOUGHILIN London W4

When Ceuta voted for Spain

Sir: As a native of Ceuta, I would like to answer Mr J Evans' (letter, : 12 June) reference to the "conquest" of Ceuta and its

devolution" to Morocco. Morocco was constituted as an independent country in 1956. Ceuta has been Spanish since 1668. In 1581 King Philip II inherited the Portuguese and the Spanish throne. Through the Treaty of Lisbon in 1640, Portugal became independent, together with all its territories. However, there was a city that wished to remain faithful to the Castilian throne. One of the first referendums in modern history was carried out and the result was that the people of Ceuta wanted to be Spanish. Ceuta has never been "conquered" by the Spaniards and it has never belonged to Morocco. It is impossible to compare the situation of Gibraltar and Ceuta. **OLGA BEL** Ceuta,

Eaten by bears

Sir: A third explanation of the possible fate of Sir John Franklin "Was Britain's greatest Arctic explorer a victim of cannibals?", 12 June) deserves consideration, as suggested by Sir Edwin Landseer in his painting Man Proposes, God Disposes (1863-64). Polar bears. Although this idea upset Lady Franklin at the time, perhaps now it would be the most tactful ANN CLEMENTS Surbitor, Surrey

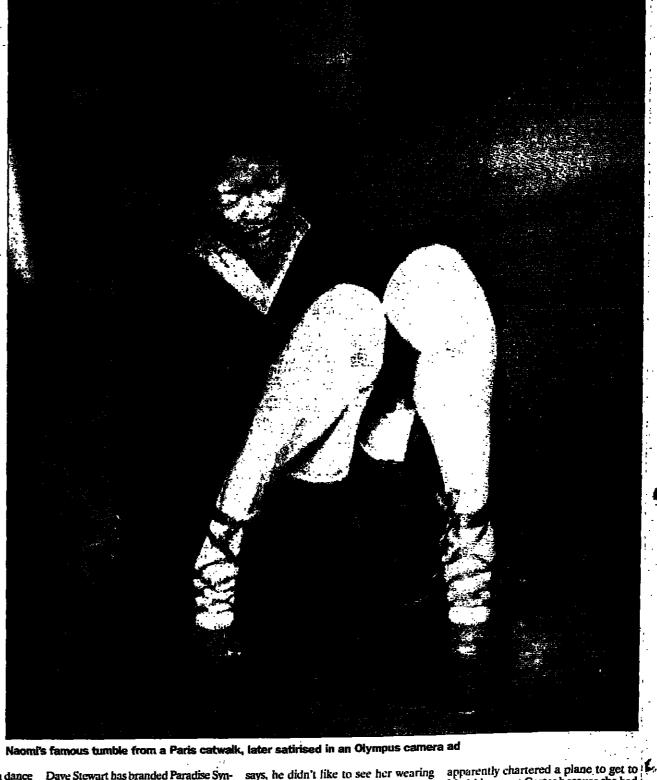
She is described as a "manipulative, scheming, rude and impossible little madam", but is Naomi Campbell's soap-like life merely fitting into the pattern the public expects of celebrities? By Paul Vallely in London and Elizabeth Nash in Madrid





Naomi Campbell with Joaquin Cortes, who says: 'I am huge

/hen a fiery star falls to earth



hat's botherin' me," said Richmal Crompton's scruffy schoolboy hero, William, "is that I'm 11 and I haven't had a statue put up to me yet". We all have our fantasies of fame. For most of us, life is a process of gradually shedding them. But for a select few the dreams become a reality and the rest of us are not sure if, deep down, we wholeheartedly approve.

Take the case of the supermodel Naomi Campbell, who was back on the catwalk in Paris yesterday after a weekend drama which saw her taken to hospital in the Canary Islands only hours after a blazing row in a five-star hotel with her boyfriend, the gypsy flamenco dancer Joaquin Cortes.

It was only the latest episode in a long models got more work.

It is the stuff of soap. So far as the saga of tempest and torment. Since she Eddie Murphy, Robert de Niro. Sylvester Stallone, Eric Clapton and Mike Tyson. She broke off her engagement to U2 bass player Adam Clayton amid newspaper reports of shennanigans with girls from an "escort" agency. An unauthorised biography reported

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taped telephone dirty talk with Sylvester Stallone, and a feud with a rival black model, Tyra Banks.

Gossip in the fashion trade is of her

legendary lateness, gross arrogance and wild insecurity. In 1993 she was fired by a top modelling agency after its boss described her as "a manipulative, scheming, rude and impossible little madam who has treated us and our clients like dirt". Then there were the moments when drama turned to farce - when she fell off her 10-inch Vivenne Westwood platform shoes at a Paris show or was sacked as an ambassador for an animal rights group after posing at a Milan fashion show swathed in fur. More serious were her complaints of racism objecting to media epithets like "the Black Bar-dot" and claiming that blonde, blue-eyed

was discovered 11 years ago, she has tabloids were concerned the point of dated a string of trophy men, including Naomi Campbell was that she was black, bad and dangerous to know. The girl from Streatham - they never fail to point out her south London origins now earns more than £1m a year. Born of an unnamed father to an unmarried 19-year-old dancer, brought up by her grandparents and then sent to stage suicide attempts after lovers' tiffs, a school on money sent home from her

mother's continental tours with a dance troupe called Exotica - she has gone from nowhere to enter the gilded circle of the rich and the famous. She has even managed to drag her mother Valerie along too - Campbell senior eventually struck up a relationship with the late Duke of Northumberland.

The rich are different from us, the writer F Scott Fitzgerald famously said. Yes, they have more money, was Ernest Hemingway's rejoinder. But there is more to it than that. Fame is one of the commodities that economists refer to as "positional goods". By definition fame is something only a few people can have and it creates a freemasonry among those accorded it. It conveys an odd kind of equality on people who can otherwise never be confident of their lovers

celebrities to be real people, says Andrew Evans, a clinical psychologist who specialises in working with artists, musicians and dancers. They re a projection of a public need. They only have to correspond marginally to the media stereotype - Oasis as the bad boys on the rock scene. Prince Charles as ineffectual, the Duke of Edinburgh making constant social gaffes. People notice what conforms to the stereotype - and ignore what doesn't fit."

But a person who becomes a celebrity has to cope with the gap between the public image and their private reality. "If the two aren't too far apart it's usually not a problem. But where there's a

onance the problems may begin." Celebrities, in shrink-jargon, have "a lot of split in their fantasy ego structure". Andrew Evans elaborates: "We all have in ourselves the fantasy that we are won-derful and we all have the reverse - that we are useless; both parts are usually far away from reality. But if the wonderful fantasy becomes reality, that leaves your

fantasy nowhere to go but down.

One result can be what the rock star

Dave Stewart has branded Paradise Syndrome - an inversion of Murphy's Law - in which everything goes right and you are left wondering if it would have been better if it hadn't. "Fantasy then becomes a source of great fear," says Evans, "which is compounded for those like models and dancers whose professional lifespan is finite." The concomitant stress can be enormous. "It's high pressure up there. These people live under extreme stress. It's the same with concert pianists, who have to perform perfectly night after night after night and can't make a mistake, can't fall off the top shelf." The sad attempt at rock standom with a specproduct is burn-out, listlessness or stage tacularly unsuccessful album called fright. Suicide attempts may follow or the Babywoman. An acting role (in a Mike stars may, in extremis, publicly lose their Figgis film) is said to be next.

bottle, as Stephen Fry did. Poor Naomi's problem is this. Her latest amour seems not to suffer from emotional dissonance in the way she clearly does. "E Cosi Sexy Che Sembra Una Rockstar." said an Italian periodical when Joaquin Cortes first took his "New Flamenco" on international tour. The gypsy dancer from Cordoba, whose glance has been compared to the slash of a knife, always knew he would be a star. He started at 12, was a star of Spain's national ballet at 17 and formed his own company at 20. Today, of his mission to bring flamenco to the masses with rock-stadium special effects, he says: "I am huge, I am doing important things for Spain."
No psychologist could doubt the 2S-

year-old dancer's sense of self-worth. Yet despite his scaring ego he manages – just to come across as level-headed, articulate and relaxed. And there is no uncertainty about his emotional centre: he attributes his sense of identity to his gypsyroots and the closeness of his family

Nor is there much ambivalence in his attitude to the opposite sex. This is the man who admits to sitting at sidewalk cafes awarding points to women as they walk by. He is said to have put an end to his former girlfriend Maria Pineda's career as a model because, she

says, he didn't like to see her wearing clothes "where my neck's too low or my skirt's too short". But he did despatch her to run part of his business, and it was she who got him the deal with Spain's equivalent of Harvey Goldsmith which began the transformation of Cortes from a minority cult figure to an inter-

national idol. By contrast, Naomi Campbell demonstrates the ecleticism of uncertainty. Not content with supermodel status she cast around for recognition, publishing a gruesome novel, Swan, and making a

here was a brave attempt at from.

She appeared in an episode of

Absolutely Fabrilian playing a rude. bitchy, unpunctual supermodel. And in a 60-second TV ad for Olympus cameras she parodied it all in a lantasy in which Swan won the Booker Prize, her hit single sold millions and the heels she toppled off were skyscraper-high. "It gave me a chance to make fun of myself ... and I had a great time during the shoot," the PR handout quoted her as saying. Unfortunately those on the set described her as imperious, arrogant, temperamental and self-obsessed. Some sense of irony.

It could be that her collection of macho celebrity boyfriends is an exercise in satire, too. There may be something sardonic rather than sad about the way she sometimes refers to her latest partner as her husband or "old man" and describes herself as "married". The marriage never seems to happen, despite on engagement and several imminent betrothals (if you believe the popular press). Why should it, you might ask. She is only 27 and is playing the field in a way that might go unremarked upon were she still Ms Average from Streatham.

Yet before Christmas, Campbell

Madrid to meet Cortes because she had a spare six hours and a craving to see him. When his Gypsy Passion tour hit London, she spent £10,000 on a party for him at which onlookers described her as besotted. The Spanish press have long suggested that Naomi is the one to have lost her heart, reporting her "alone and desperate" the other day, weeping on the shoulder of Cortes's former girlfriend while he was playing in Marhella with "another love". It could he Spanish national pride, portraying their boy in control and keeping his head. Or it could just be true...

Like many superstars, he claims to want both lame and privacy. Symbolically, in March he bought a flashy yellow Porsche – with smoked windows. "I work 24 hours a day." he said recently. I have hardly any private life. I think I can keep this up for another five years, then I'll think about marrying and having children."

ing children. The high point of the Cortes stage show is a stamping, whirling solo lasting 20 minutes. Critics say he is bound to burn himself out before long. "You don't have this physical strength for long," he says. "I've got to exploit it while I've got it. I live for the moment because you don't know what tomorrow will

bring. It's a very gypsy way of thinking."

Not much sign there of the "inner conflict around self-esteem and selfworth" that the clinical psychologist Andrew Evans sees at the core of the elebrity crisis.

Things seem rather different for poor, young Naomi. Yesterday her attempts to resume her flagging singing career were also knocked back when organisers of the Carlsberg Concert '97 refused her request to perform at the event. She had asked if she could do a duct with Jon Bon Jovi at the Wembley spectacular. The song she had in mind was the Human League hit "Don't You Want Me". The answer all round, it cruelly appeared, was No.

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Killer cheese: the trial continues

Testerday I brought you an extract from the sensational High Court case in which Josie Metcalfe, a health food journalist, is being sued by the British food industry for damages in excess of £13m. The British food industry claims that by urging her readers to become slim and healthy by eating far less, she is subotuging the entire industry. More live action from the trial now! Counsel: Miss Metcalfe ... Metcalfe: Mrs Metcalfe. Counsel: I beg your pardon? Metcalfe: My name is Mrs Metcalfe. Counsel: Are you married? Metcalfe: No. Counsel: Then how can you be Mrs Metcalfe? Metcalfe: My name, Metcalfe, is an assumed name. If one can have an assumed name, one can also have an assumed marital status. I have

assumed the marital status

Counsel: I see. Well, Mrs

must all eat less dairy and

writing in your weekly

column the words: "We

milk products.

Metcalfe, do vou remember

of Mrs.

words almost every week of my life in some magazine. Counsel: Do you ever regret writing them? Metcalfe: Yes. I now realise they are all wrong. Counsel: Ha! Wrong, ch? Metcalfe: Yes, I now realise I should be writing: "We must all cat fewer dairy and milk products. Judge: She's got you there, old boy! A palpable hit! Counsel: Yes, m'lud, Come come, Mrs Metcalfe, is that your only cause for regret? Have you never thought of the dairy and milk farmers? Metcalfe: Which dairy and milk farmers? Counsel: The dairy and milk farmers who are going to be put out of work by your thoughtless words! The dairy and milk farmers who rise before dawn to care for their cows and go to bed after an evening struggling with the VAT, so that the citizens of this fair country can be kept supplied with their milk. cheese and low-fat spreads! The dairy and cheese farmers who, after

your appallingly thoughtless words had



Miles Kington

driven people to give up dairy products, might be cast out of a job, obliged to sell their ancestral lands and forced to wander the streets in search of sustenance! Metcalfe: No.

Counsel: No, what? Metcalfe; No. I have never thought of them. Not in that light, anyway. I have always thought of dairy farmers as merchants of death, bringing lethal doses of cholesterol and saturated fats to their

unwitting clientele. Milk and cheese are killers! Counsel: Isn't that a touch melodramatie? Metcalfe: You wouldn't say that if you had had a marriage partner struck down in the prime of life by clogged arteries. Counsel: I am so sorry. Has that happened to you? Metcalfe: No. But it would have been tragic if it had happened. Dairy farmers are no better than arms manufacturers. They are both making potentially

lethal weapons.

Counsel: Surely there is a difference? Metcalfe: Name one. Counsel: Well, you can make a wonderful pudding out of double cream and strawberries, but you can't do it with a Kalashnikov semi-automatic rifle ... Metcalfe: Yes, you can. Counsel: How? Metcaife: Well, you could waltz into the kitchens of

the Savoy waving a loaded Kalashnikov and shout: "Make me a wonderful pudding out of double cream and strawberries. because if you don't the head chef gets his innards

smeared across the floor like a tomato coulis!" That should work. Counsel: What if the staff hate the head chef and refuse to obcy? What if

they can't wait to stand by while he is reduced to offal? Judge: Hold on! Hold on! I can't make head or tail of this! A telephone rings in court. Who the devil has got a mobile phone in court? Oh, hold on, it's mine. Answers mobile phone. Hello? Yes? Yes? Oh. yes. Ah! That's very reasonable! OK, I'll put £300 on at 40-1. Thanks. He puts down the telephone. Sorry about that, gents just placing a last-minute het on the Tory leadership contest. Bit of a flutter on

wild card for the second round. Now, where were Man in public gallery: I must warn you that I am a lawyer representing McDonald's, and if you so much as mention our name. you won't know what hit

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More of this enlightening farrago soon.

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Labour's new pragmatism is on the right track

n 1965 Dick Crossman care-lessly left, on the floor of Prunier's Restaurant, some cabinet papers which were then found by an observant diner and shown to Chapman Pincher of the Daily Express before being returned to the department. There was a huge fuss, with front-page stories in the press. Harold Wilson's nark George Wigg gave Crossman a severe dressing down. (Though Wilson himself breezily laughed the whole thing off.)

John Prescott's papers, details of which were on BBC's Panorama last night and which have also caused a big fuss. were left in the rather more humdrum surroundings of a broadcasting studio in his own department. But then they were rather more interesting than Crossman's, revealing as they did that privatisation - or partial privatisation - is one of a wide range of options being considered for London Underground. The soothsayers lick their lips. One old Labour figure, Prescott, hits turbulence only days after another, Frank Dobson, irritates some of his colleagues by failing to shut down a running story that a noholds-barred review of NHS spending will consider everything from hotel charges in hospitals to ending some prescrip-

tion charge exemptions. Both events disrupt the smooth and inexorable progress of the new administration. Can the revenge of the Blairites be far behind? In fact, those two episodes were sharply different from each other. One, that of the health review, hints strongly at events that won't happen, the

other, that of the Underground, points at ones that may well happen. But they both accidentally reveal quite a lot about the character and the direction of the new government.

Take the Dobson affair first. Dobson trav-

els to Wales to address a conference of health managers on the very day Alastair Darling, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, formally announces the establishment of fundamental departmental spending reviews. Having warned the managers that they face a difficult winter, and pressed by reporters to say what the review will mean for the NHS, he refuses to rule anything in or out. And by the morning a story floating the possibility that patients would be charged for GP visits is up and running.

The Prime Minister did not wake up to hear the BBC morning news leading with reports that patients were to pay for GP visits and think "vippee". Nor did the Blair spin doctors roll over and kick their legs in the air with glee at the fact that Dobson, by conscientiously emphasising that the whole point of fundamental spending reviews was to examine everything, had allowed the story to run. Particularly when Dobson's interview on the Today programme failed to kill the story off. That was left to a later statement by Dobson that the NHS would continue to be free at the point of delivery, an interview by Peter Mandelson on Sky television, and a statement reaffirming the manifesto commitments to health by Blair himself. And yes, the unworthy thought that Dobson was doing a little freelance work by floating the worst possible outcome in order to pre-empt it flickered momentarily, and wrongly, across one or two of the more conspiratorial minds in Downing Street and in the Cabinet. But the idea that intriguing Blair henchmen put the black spot on Dobson

through selected briefing doesn't stand up.
For one thing Dobson had been in a difficult dilemma. If he started down the slippery slope of ruling X out he would soon be asked



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a story in the Daily Mail a few days earlier holding out the possibility of drastic changes to prescription charges. It was widely assumed within the NHS that such reports had emanated Macintyre from the Treasury. Certainly the Treasury had been far from unhappy at the statement that Faced with there were no sacred cows in the NHS review: if that were the spending case, after all, other spending ministers had better watch out. constraints. Think what might happen, so the reasoning went, in less protected departments in the NHS. Dobson thought he was loyally following a prescribed Treasury line designed to emphasise the seriousness of the there are few ministers spending reviews. It was therewho would fore a little puzzling for him to find that Treasury ministers not prefer it were not, in private, prominent among his defenders once the if the story broke last Friday. Rugs appeared to have been pulled private from under his feet. sector

The Prescott episode is alto-gether different. There was every sign yesterday that Downing Street was even more relaxed about the disclosure of the papers on London Underground than Wilson had been in the case of Dick Crossman all those years ago. There was strong backing for Prescott's angry claims that the BBC had "stolen" the papers but more

about Y and A and B and C.

Ironically, he, of all people, would almost certainly resign rather than tear up the mani-festo commitments on the NHS.

But he had got the distinctly

New Labour, anti-tax-and-spend

message, that these fundamental

reviews are the business. Indeed

he had read with some dismay

importantly floating of the privatisation of the London Underground is distinctly "on message". It is much easier to justify it as being consistent with the manifesto. And faced with the tightest of spending constraints, there were few cabinet ministers who would not prefer it if the private sector carried the strain of Tube investment - even if it meant giving them a measure of control over the Underground network - if that was was a way of ensuring funds for health and education in the future.

And that is a point which goes far beyond the arguments over presentation. But what both these incidents illustrate is the extent to which the old arguments within Labour have become blurred and even realigned. For policy is no longer a matter of ideology in the way that it once was. This after all is the first Labour government in which preservation of the NHS is sacrosanct but privatisation is perfectly possible. The Blair view of privatisation (in the trading sector) is utterly pragmatic; if it can work, while meeting standards of regulation that ensure the travelling public benefits, then fine. It is a sign of the extent to which the old dividing lines no longer apply. Was not John Prescott one of the first senior Labour figures to break taboos over the injection of private finance into public services?

And was not Frank Dobson, however imperfectly, doing his best to defend a difficult and agreed cabinet line? This doesn't mean that the conflicts won't be intense, but that many of them will no longer will be on the old left-right lines. In the difficult debates about next month's Budget, Gordon Brown, being a prudent chancellor as well as a leading moderniser, may well prove keener to raise revenue early in the cycle than Tony Blair, jealous guardian of the spirit as well as the letter of the manifesto. The Prescott and Dobson incidents are not of the first importance; but each illustrates in its own way the decline of old-style idealogy in the modern Labour Party.

After 25 years, Dicky doesn't look so tricky by Mary Dejevsky

hey threw a "Break-In" party at the Watergate hotel in central Washington last night. The waiters were kitted out as secret agents, the "greeter" was a lifesized cardboard Nixon and the guests, who included one of the real-life cops who caught the bungling burglars in the early hours of 17 June 1972, received as a going-home present fac-simile compilations of the

Washington Post's finest hours. Just across the road, at the yellow-stucco pile known as the Premier hotel, the management was preparing for the ceremonial opening of Room 723, with its famously unobstructed street view. Refurbished in le style Howard Johnson circa 1972, the room will henceforth display objects of "historical interest". And today, to round off proceedings, the Premier will provide the venue for a radio phone-in by a successful national talk-show host by the name of Gordon Liddy.

Twenty-five years after the break-in that triggered the first and only resignation of a US president, the sequence of events that was described by its central player as "a national tragedy" is being repeated - this time as entertainment. There have, of course, been the appropriate nods towards history. A few days before the Watergate hotel's break-in party, Wash-ington's two-month-old museum of news (official name: the Newseum) held a symposium in which participants from then and analysts from now sat together in a darkened studio regurgitating the facts, cogitat-ing the evidence and refighting the old battles.

We heard President Richard Nixon's muffled voice on one of those infamous tapes implicating himself - with what now seems only mild profanity - in the cover-up that cost him his job and his dignity. We witnessed Sam Dash, who was chief legal adviser to the Senate Watergate committee, and Leonard Garment, Nixon's legal counsel, barely refrain from blows as they contested the evidence about the then president's fitness for office and argued about whether, with hindsight, he could have "got away with it".

Ben Bradlee, who was then editor of the Washington Post the paper that broke and made the running with the Watergate story - told again how he decided to give his two young reporters, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, their heads. Katharine Graham, the grande dame of the American press and then chairman of the Post, recounted how she quelled her doubts and let the story run, and of her personal relief when she learnt that the helicopter carrying the disgraced president into Californian exile had taken off from the White House lawn.

That was 9 August 1974, two vears and two months after five men, directed by campaign finance adviser G Gordon Liddy, were caught in what was



President Nixon owns up on TV to the Watergate cover-up. A week later he resigned

Watergate has bred political cynicism: expectations are so low that the alleged shenanigans of the present White House have lost the power to shock

described by a White House that had malfunctioned, or 25th anniversary may mark a spokesman as a "third-rate bur-glary attempt" of the Democ-Who was "Deep Throat", the ratic Party headquarters in the Watergate complex. Nixon was

campaigning for re-election and feared - wrongly, as it turned out – that he would lose. As the years have passed, a Washington consensus, refined with each anniversary, has formed about the significance of "Watergate". It diminished for ever, we are told, the awe in which the presidency was held by the people. It marked the start of media and public cynicism about politicians and politics. It forced a rewriting of the rules on political campaigning.

It inaugurated a golden era of investigative journalism, when everything and anyone was investigated - though not always to much effect. It made celebrities of the journalists involved, and it made journalism - for a generation - a celebrity occupation. It justified the use of anonymous "sources". While there may be a con-

sensus about Watergate's significance, however, many of the questions that cried out for an answer when Nixon resigned are still unanswered. What were the burglars after at the Democrats' headquarters? Were all five of them just trying to replace a bugging device

were they looking for something: if so, what - and why?

anonymous source that Bob Woodward turned to at crucial stages? Why did Nixon not destroy the tages? Was he really deterred because his legal counsel said it would be unlawful? Even the celebrated question. "What did the president know and when did he know it?" whether Nixon knew in advance of the raid - has not been wered. The tapes - the ones he clung to for longest and fought a succession of legal battles to keep private - show that he knew of the break-in six days later and agreed to a cover-up.

The tapes also show - and this is the offence that would have made his impeachment inevitable had he not resigned - that he tried to subvert the idicial process (by blocking the FBI investigation into the break-in) and thus violated the constitution. They do not prove, however, that he instigated or approved the crime -although, from a series of prior events that would now be categorised as "sleaze", he clearly contributed to a political climate where dirty tricks were the order of the day.

Dispiritingly, perhaps, for the heroes of Watergate, the

turning of the celebratory tide.

old circuit" were the stag whispered comments. For them, it is time to ask some new questions, not only about how Watergate affected the image of the presidency or the pursuit of journalism, but about the substance; was what happened 25 years ago really so bad, given what seems commonplace now?

In the corridors of the New-

seum, the next generation of

Washington reporters seemed

jaded - "a celebration of the

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So the president used swear words in everyday conversation; so the president tried to stop an FBI investigation (and got caught on tape); so the CIA recruited criminals and \$100 bills changed hands ...

In the light of the possibility that Chinese money may have made its way into the last presidential election campaign, that White House privileges may have been granted to big Demoerat donors of dubious provenance, and that the Attorney General may have been pressed not to appoint an independent counsel to consider the legality of the Clintons fund-raising practices, there is a risk that Nixon's resignation could start to look almost honourable.

The political right would say that the left-dominated medi have treated a Democrat president more kindly than they would a Republican. But the very cynicism towards politics that was bred by Watergate may also be to blame: expectations are so low that even the alleged shenanigans of the present White House have lost the power to shock.

It is small wonder, then, that Washington's élite chose to mark the 25th anniversary of Watergate by dancing the night away in the company of a cardboard Nixon and a posse of sham secret servicemen.

How to handle the information surplus

information as there is with physical commodities? If so, what would be the equivalent, in terms of news and current affairs of, say, wheat piled up in warehouses? I ask this question because I have believed for some time that there may well be such an overprovision in the sense of there being too many suppliers of broadly the same information. When people complain about the sheer size of their newspapers and about the bewildering number of magazines and newsletters covering every conceivable interest, about the nonstop news programmes that radio and TV provide, and now the Internet, they have a point.

One sign of surplus is that businesses are beginning to see information management as a distinct task that needs to be done well. Reuters recently published a poll of line managers' attitudes which revealed that many felt they were suffering from information overload". As a result, new types of job have been created - director of information, chief knowledge officer and the like. I think information handling will become a business skill that will eventually rank alongside personnel management and financial control as essential services



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A second sign of over-supply is price weakness. Here one has to look not only at the prices of publications but also at the rates that publishers of news and current affairs can charge for any accompanying advertising. In both cases you can see a steady decline in real terms. And on the Internet, which has greatly enlarged in an unplanned way the amount of readily available information, few publishers have been able to extract any money from visitors to their sites. Perhaps The Economist, which last Friday started to ask a fee for online access to its articles, will be an exception - The New York Times

abandoned similar plans. Over-supply often follows a drop in production costs. The consequent widening of profit margins encourages expansion and also new entrants and then the increase in output may well be carried too far. National newspapers have more than halved their workforces compared with 10 years ago, while substantially increasing their output as measured by paging and various supplements. There have been similar increases in the efficiency of radio and television news gathering.

The supply of news and current affairs, however, is not an

instance, does not have to worry about its revenue - the licence fee is payable without regard to the use its customers make of its service. So whenever BBC management complains about this or that, it is worth remembering that it is soared the hardest part of running any business - succeeding in the marketplace. Another feature of the news and current affairs industry is that many of the providers,

while not subsidised by the state, are none the less considered by their owners to be trophy assets. Control of a television network, radio station or newspaper is seen as conferring prestige as well as providing a financial reward. Consequently, low returns or losses will be borne with more patience than is normally the case. Indeed for as long as I can remember there have been rich businessmen ready to acquire national newspapers - the Fayeds at the moment, and before them, "Tiny" Rowland, the late Robert Maxwell, Sir James Goldsmith and the Cadhury family, which owned the News Chronicle, later absorbed into the Daily Mail.

The upshot, to put it in eco-

nomic terms, is that supply

industry like any other. Some of the biggest players are non-commercial. The BBC, for such as a fall in advertising revenue during a recession.

What is to be done? This question about designing a product for an over-supplied market faces the editors of this newspaper and its rivals, as well as the managers of radio and television news and current affairs. Likewise the reader or listener or viewer despairingly poses a similar problem: "How shall I cope?" A common answer, which I believe is mistaken, is to put as much as possible in short form. You can even buy software that will automatically summarise complex documents.

The trouble with summaries and news bites, however, is that they are often misleading, making sense only to the summariser, who remembers what has been left out. Intelligent people need an almost direct, sensuous contact with the news as it develops. Then they can see patterns in the flux of reported events. They can synthesise changing data. It does them no service to boil everything down. Channel 4 News at 7pm and, in France, the 8pm Journal on France 2, transmit news stories at greater length than their rivals - albeit cover-

ing fewer items - and both sta-

tions. I would say, achieve a

more satisfying result. There is too much news and not enough thinking. One of the reasons why I greatly enjoy Peter Jay's presentation of economic news on BBC I is that his reports are the product of a life-time's consideration of the subject. It shows. Every significant angle is caught and integrated into his text, graphics and pictures. In the same way, if information managers working in companies spent less time preparing summaries and instead arranged sessions in which groups of executives discussed the news relevant to their activities - however specialist and technical - and thought through the implications, they and their colleagues would begin to understand the

Big Picture much better. The most important challenges in journalism and information management in these times of glut are how to let the Big Picture emerge, rather than how to compress news into a given space as measured by broadcast seconds, column inches or paragraphs in news digests. We need an expansiveness as well as an economy of coverage, Otherwise the old and persistent question - what does it all mean? - can never

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Chief executive at NatWest Markets ousted

Tom Stevenson Financial Editor

NatWest cast serious doubt on its investment banking ambitions vesterday when it issued a profits warning and ousted Martin Owen, the chief executive of NatWest Markets. The departure of Mr Owen with immediate effect signals a dra-matic reversal of NatWest's previous strategy of attempting to grow the division into a top-10 global player capable of taking on American powerhouses such as Goldman Sachs and

Morgan Stanley. The unexpected announcement comes just weeks after it emerged that NatWest had ini-tiated merger talks with Abbey National. That move, which would have further marginalised Nat West Markets within the enlarged group, has left indus-try watchers confused about the group's future direction. What surprises me is that 12 or 18 months after they started pumping money into this area they should seem to be having second

thoughts," one dealer said. Derek Wanless, chief executive of NatWest Group, has taken on direct responsibility for NatWest Markets until a new chief executive can be found. although it is thought likely there will be calls for him also to take responsibility for recent failures. He said yesterday a review of the business had begun to speed up progress towards generating acceptable returns.

Mr Owen's abrupt departure follows the announcement earlier in the year that NatWest Markets had lost £90m on its high-risk derivatives trading operation. It is thought an up-coming report into the débacle could be used as a opportunity for the bank to edge away from those volatile activities.

Like its high street rival Bar-clays, NatWest has come under strong pressure from its institutional investors to improve returns from investment banking. which lag behind industry bench-

marks and its own retail banking division. Lloyds TSB, which has long steered clear of its rivals' investment banking am-bitions, is estimated to make a return of 30 per cent on its share-holders funds - Nat West makes about 25 per cent from retail banking but only around 10 per cent from its investment bank. Mr Wanless downplayed sug-

gestions that he was sidelining investment banking, and said capital would be redeployed into "investment banking areas where better returns can be achieved". He paid tribute to Mr Owen but concluded that "it is important that we strengthen the semor management at NatWest Markets. It must have strong leadership and a clear strategy."
Mr Owen was NatWest's

highest paid director last year, taking home a total of £815,000, including a £500,000 bonus. He waived £200,000 of the bonus following the derivatives loss. Employed on a 12 month contract, Mr Owen is still negotiating the terms of his severance

package.
Mr Owen, described as talkative and friendly, was thought an unlikely head of a global investment bank. Previous positions in a varied career have included three years at the Salvation Army and a spell as a financial regulator in the Isle

Mr Wanless confirmed recent fears for Nat West's profits yesterday when he said half-year profits at the bank would be sig-nificantly lower than for the an improved performance from the rest of the group. Pre-tax occurred.

profits for the six months to June are not expected to exceed £770m, compared with some analysts' expectations for more than £900m.

Brokers were yesterday taking the red pen to their forecasts for the full year, with estimates coming down by around 15 per

cent to £1,750m. Investors have pushed for capital to be reallocated to high street banking, where high returns are coupled with much lower risk and volatility. The fear of greater competition on the high street pushed the shares of the whole sector lower

yesterday. NatWest's share price tum-bled from a high of 819.5p early yesterday to a close of 755p, continuing the company's marked underperformance of its peers over the past year. High street rival Abbey

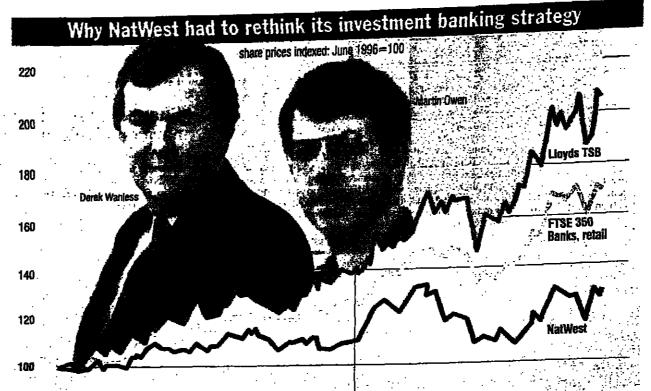
National fell 27.5p to 868p, Lloyds TSB slipped 15p to 626.5p and Barclays, under similar pressure to do something about the returns from its BZW investment banking arm, fell 36.5p to 1212.5p.

Mr Wanless said an inde-

pendent inquiry into the losses earlier this year in its interest ing completion. He expected an announcement to be made before the end of the month, a month later than hoped.

The report, by City accountants Coopers & Lybrand and law firm Linklaters & Paines, has already been passed to the Bank of England and financial markets watchdog the Securities and Futures Authority.

It is not yet clear what action, if any, the regulators will take against NatWest Markets or any of the individuals responsible for the division where the interest rate option losses



NatWest's global ambitions

- 1992 NatWest Markets formed from combined wholesale banking activities of NatWest Group.
- October 1995 Acquisition of Gleacher, US-based mergers and acquisition specialist for \$135m

Five managers have been sus-pended and millions of pounds

in bonuses were clawed back af-

ter the problems came to light.

confirmed the cost of the mis-

pricing of interest rate options

at £77m but Mr Wanless ad-

mitted that the affair had had

a knock-on effect on the profits

The investigation has already

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The analyst described the departure as a headhunters' charter and said he expected

Another problem facing the medium-sized UK investment

banks in recent years has been the incursion of European players such as Deutsche Bank who have been prepared to accept the low returns on offer in British investment banking be-

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June 1997 NatWest grows to 8,000 staff in 26 countries. Martin Owen

cause of the even lower returns available on their domestic retail banking operations.

it BZW next?

The mounting problems at Nat West have focused attention on its high-street rivals and their different approaches to the volatile and so far relatively unrewarding area of investment banking. The evidence suggests sticking to unglamorous but predictable retail banking has been the better course, writes Tom Stevenson

Lloyds TSB flirted with the idea of growing its own investment bank in the 1980s but took the view it would never be able to compete with the well-capitalised American players and withdrew. It has rewarded its investors with a 30 per cent return on capital and a share price that has doubled over the past year.

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Barclays has shared Nat-West's goal of becoming a meaningful global participant and has failed to make a better fist of it through BZW than its rival. Institutional investors in both companies have called for a withdrawal from investment banking and the redirection of the capital tied up in that business to the more steadily prof-

itable high-street banking core. Analysis believe Nat West has been more aggressive in its pursuit of its global ambitions. BZW has avoided the embarrassment of Nat West's heavy derivatives loss and has spent less than the £1bn its rival has splashed out on acquisitions. There is thought to be less

pressure on Barclays because its shape than NatWest's.

Tax credit fears hit share prices

Diane Coyle Chris Godsmark

Fears the Government will use next month's Budget to abolish the tax credit pension funds receive on dividend payments hit share prices yesterday, toppling them from the new peak set at the end of last week. The FTSE 100 index ended 38 points lower at 4,745.1, the first fall in three trading days.
The setback was triggered by

a report, described as speculation by the Treasury, that the Chancellor, Gordon Brown, plans to raise up to £5bn by abolishing the 20 per cent tax credit tax-exempt institutions such as pension funds can claim against company payments of advance corporation tax. Critics of the tax scheme have blamed it for the relatively high dividend payments made by

Although pension funds have been the most vociferous in lobbying against plans to scrap the tax credit, business organisations say it would hit their cash flow too. Ian Peters, deputy director general of the British Chambers of Commerce, said yesterday: "There is a danger it will have an adverse effect on businesses because they could be forced to make up the shortfall in pension fund income."

In its Green Budget last month, the independent Institute for Fiscal Studies agreed with this analysis and said any money raised by scrapping the tax credit should be returned to the company sector. It said this would be a clear test of the Goving the level of business in-

yesterday warned hefty rises in corporate taxes in next month's budget would "seriously undermine" the Labour Party's new-found support from the business community. Tim Melville-Ross, director general of the IOD, said the leaks from the Treasury suggesting the tax changes risked turning City sentiment against the Government. "We are far from saying that

the government has proved its credentials in terms of being business friendly. The last building block in the short term is the Budget and a swinging increase in corporate taxation would seriously undermine the developing relations between the business community and the new government," he said. However, earlier estimates

that abolishing ACT credits would hit the market by as much as 10 per cent were played down by many observers yesterday. The £5bn that the move would raise for the Government was itself comfortably exceeded by vesterday's fall in the value of the market, which Datastream put at £8.66bn. In the context of a market still valued last night at £1,193bn, £5bn

would be a drop in the ocean. Analysts said there would have to be a modest downward correction to restore the relative yields on equities versus

Government securities or gilts. Separately yesterday Rail-track denied it had been told it would pay the windfall tax. A spokeswoman said the privatised rail group had not held any discussions with the Treasury.



Robert Hawley: Will leave at the end of the month

Hawley quits British Energy with bumper £450,000 pay-off

Michael Harrison

Robert Hawley, chief executive of the privatised nuclear pow-

One analyst said yesterday

the resignation of Mr Owen,

who had been the architect of

NatWest's growth ambitions,

marked the end of any pretence

that the bank could take on the

highly successful American

banks, which have used the

The surprise announcement vesterday means that British Energy is in line for a further bout of boardroom upheaval. The company has pledged to appoint a successor before the end of the year. In the meantime John Robb, presently non-executive chairman, will step into the breach as executive chairman.

Mr Robb is due to retire himself in two years' time. He took on the job of chairman after John Collier, a lifelong nuclear executive and chairman of Nuclear Electric, died in the run up to the £1.3bn flotation of the industry last year.

In a brief statement, British Energy said that Mr Hawley would be leaving at the end of this month following discuser generator British Energy, is sions about the management quitting the post with a £450,000 succession and the age profile pay-off after being refused the of the board. Mr Hawley, who is 60, had indicated that he man particularly given the nowanted to take over the chairmanship when Mr Robb, who

is 61, retires in 1999. The board decided, however, that it wanted a younger man and so told Mr Hawley that he would not get the job. Mr Hawley said vesterday that it was time for him to move on "an concentrate on the development and growth of other companies in the role of chairman".

He is currently chairman of small engineering company Rotork and also of Tricorder, a management buyout from the engineering group Ricardo. Mr Hawley is credited with

having turned the nuclear industry around, got it through privatisation and overseen its first year in the private sector. However, some insiders regarded him as being a little too able replacement to outside :brusque for the role of chair- candidates. litically and environmentally sensitive position British Energy occupies.

In the run-up to privatisation Mr Hawley was involved in a series of tough negotiating sesions with the Department of Trade and Industry that endeared him neither to civil servants nor ministers,

The two internal candidates for the chief executive's job are Peter Warry, 47, chief executive of Nuclear Electric, which runs the group's nuclear power stations in England, and Robin Jeffrey. 58, chief executive of Scottish Nuclear. The other se-

nior executive board member is finance director Michael Kirwan, who is 56. However, the board intends

to extend the search for a suit-

nior executive in the privatised electricity industry to leave his job in the past seven days. Last week National Grid, which operates the electricity transmission network, said that it had asked its finance director John Uttley to leave.

Dr Hawley joined Nuclear Electric as it was then in 1992 after a career in the engineering industry which culminated in the job of managing director at Northern Engineering Industries. He was on a salary of £207,000 when British Energy was privatised and his confract was due to end in July, 1999.

GEC to close world's oldest telecommunications college

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent**

GEC is to close the world's oldest telecommunications training college, bringing to an end more than 90 years of history and casting doubts about the electronics giant's commitment to investment in education and

training. Staff at the Marconi College. part of the GEC-Marconi defence division, were told about the closure plans in an internal memo last week. It said that up to 36 jobs at the college in Chelmsford were "at risk of re-

dundancy. The company blamed the decision on falling orders for training from within GEC and from outside clients. It emerged last week that GEC was cutting 535 jobs at the site. though the group did not reveal at the time that part of the cuts involved closing the residential training site.

According to the memo, orders for training work at the college were predicted to be £245,000 below the budget plan this year. It continued: "Clearly this situation cannot be sustained and as a result the Marconi Simulation and Train-

ing management have been cently, while Unipart, the car obliged to take action to contain the loss." The operation was the

world's first telecommunications training facility, established by the Marconi company in 1901 as the Wireless and Telegraph Training College. Students are offered courses including radar, radio and ther-

The closure sets GEC against a recent industry trend towards greater investment in training. Multi-national firms including Ford and Motorola have invested heavily in UK training re-

its own employee "university." GEC has frequently been criticised for its research and development record, charges rebuffed by the former managing director. Lord Weinstock. Sources blamed GEC for fail-

ing to invest in the college to update facilities. Staff were told improvements costing more than £900.000 were needed, including improving hotel accommodation. The memo said: "This investment cannot be justified with the current level of predicted sales and margins,

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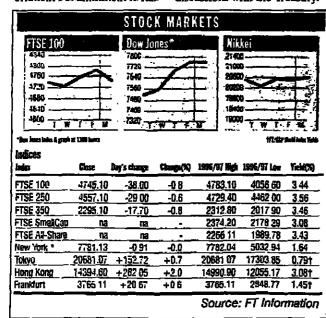
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'If NatWest ever had global pretensions in investment banking, it is now obvious that these were over-

NatWest needs to restate what it is trying to do

Once a company is under the City's inquisitorial spotlight, it becomes difficult to duck out of it. That's the unfortunate position National Manager in the US and Gleacher and Greenward Manager in the US and sition National Westminster Bank finds itself in after a disastrous run of events which has seen first the company fall victim to a £90m loss on fraudulent trading in interest rate options, then receive the brush-off in merger talks with Abbey National, and now this. It is hard not to draw the link between these things and conclude that this is a bank in some difficulty, a bank casting around for solutions but unable to come up with any-

thing convincing. The departure of Martin Owen as chief executive of NatWest Markets is being widely seen in the City as the start of a phased withdrawal from investment banking so that its capital can be reallocated to more profitable retail banking. NatWest made 20 per cent plus on retail banking last year; on investment banking the return was barely more than the cost of capital at 12 per cent. Compare that with the 30 per cent return that Lloyds TSB makes, having shunned investment banking entirely over the years, and the attractions of retail over

investment banking become obvious. However, if that is what NatWest is really doing, it would mark a U-turn in strategy of such dramatic proportions that it shouldn't be just Mr Owen who is walking the plank. but Derek Wanless, his friend and mentor, and possibly Lord Alexander, chairman, too. NatWest has invested more than £1bn in

Gartnore and Hambro Magan in the UK.
For NatWest to put all that into reverse so soon after announcing that it aimed to become one of the world's leading global players in investment banking would indicate a confusion, lack of direction and loss of confidence at the top of a very alarming kind. So it should not come as any surprise to find Nat West insisting that this is not what is hap-pening here at all. Actually it is the realisation that Mr Owen is the wrong man for the job and a recognition of the need for root-

and-branch reappraisal of where capital is being used to best effect, the bank says. There is, however, usually something to be said for the stock market's knee-jerk reaction to and interpretation of events, and there may be in this case too. Plainly NatWest needs at least to rearticulate and re-explain what it is trying to do with both the retail and the investment banking businesses. If it ever had global pretensions in investment banking, it is now obvious that these were over-ambitious. Shareholders need reassuring that there is an achievable and realistic strategy in place for Nat West Markets, which will eventually yield a reasonable return.

Just as the options débâcle has focused attention on Nat West's lack of money-making clarity in investment banking, the failed talks with Abbey National have highlighted the group's uncomfortable position as a mid-

All businesses need time to reap the rewards of long-term strategies, and it is worth recalling that until the options fiasco, the general view in the City and the press was that NatWest wasn't doing too badly. Perceptions have now turned quite markedly, however, and doubts that were always there just beneath the surface have now surfaced with a vengence. If Nat West fails to address these concerns pronto, it could find someone else doing it instead.

Chancellor should think hard on dividend credits

An emergency package to introduce the avaindfall tax and welfare-to-work measures was how next month's Budget was originally billed. But that was before the landslide, and the indications are that Gordon Brown has steadily expanded his Budget ambitions. What-ever we get on 2 July, it will have to satisfy the Chancellor's taste for drama and headlines.

The latest suggestion is the abolition of dividend tax credits. This is an idea that has been kicking around for a long time and holds obvious attractions to New Labour as a revenue-raising device because the UK company sector appears to have a higher dividend pay-out ratio than business in most other developed countries. Reducing the tax incentives

tion tax, this would be a sensible move. But there are two objections to the plan as leaked. The first is that corporate tax reform ought to be the subject of wide consultation by the Government, rather than being rushed in via an emergency Budget. The second is that it will in practise hit companies cash flow because they are likely either to have to make higher contributions to their pension funds or raise cash dividends to compensate big investors for the loss of the tax credit. A Government that is pro-business and pro-investment would return the £5bn proceeds by reducing the mainstream

corporation tax rate. Mr Brown appears to be casting around for the least painful way to increase the tax burden, and settling on the complicated issue of dividend taxation is a soft target. Leaking the news out early will have helped ensure the market reaction occurs safely before Budget day.

The bottom line in all this, of course, is that the country is not paying enough tax to finance all the Government spending we want, especially on health and education. With the election out of the way and a winter of crisis in the public services looming thanks to inherited spending plans, the Government does need to start talking about tax increases alongside its ambitions for welfare reform, high growth and employment. But | anyone really care?

die-ranking player in retail financial services.

There, too, NatWest needs to redefine its ambitions and place in the market.

As a part of a larger reform of corporade dend tax credit without the kind of pre-Buddend tax credit without the kind of pre-Bud-get debate it promised in opposition.

British Energy decommissions its c.e.

Dr Robert Hawley, chief executive of the nuclear power generator British Energy, has been unexpectedly decommissioned ive years before the end of his working life. His decision yesterday to part company with the group at the age of 60 was put down to

it needing to lower the "age profile" of the board. The reality was that Dr Hawley asked for the chairman's job and was refused it. Perhaps that was a wise move on the part of the board. Dr Hawley may be good at running pressurised water reactors but chairing a business as medically according to the control of the board. a business as politically sensitive as nuclear generation requires skills of diplomacy and fact not always shown in abundance when dealing with Whitehall and Westminster in preparation for flotation.

His departure means that the two archi-

tects of nuclear privatisation are no more. John Collier, the former chairman, having died of cancer before the flotation. While a replacement for Dr Hawley is sought, a former pharmaceuticals executive. John Robb, will run the show. But since British Energy will never build a nuclear reactor again does

Strong début for Norwich Union

Tom Stevenson Financial Editor

Norwich Union shares jumped to an early premium to the 290p strike price of its £2.4bn share offer yesterday, netting immediate profits for new share-holders despite a fall in the market as a whole. The shares closed at 324.5p after reaching

356p in early trading.
The strong début for the shares meant almost 3 million former members of the life and general insurance group received windfalls worth an average £1,300. Members who received the minimum 300 share handout have a share stake worth just under £1,000.

Many members received far an that de the size of their insurance or pension policies. Around 1.1 million non-profit policyholders received 150 shares, which were worth just over £500 at yester-

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day's closing price.

The Norwich windfalls are the latest instalment in a summer of handouts which are estimated to be injecting more than £30bn into the British economy, raising fears that interest rates will have to be increased more than would otherwise be the case in order to restrain consumer demand.

With nearly 150 million shares changing hands, Norwich Union was easily the day's most actively traded stock. Wilder predictions that the shares might push towards 400p proved unfounded, as the market struggled to overcome worries about tax rises in the Budget, but investors still received a healthy first-day profit.

Any member who successfully applied for £1,500 worth of shares in the institutional and retail offer that accompanied the free-share handout, would have made a paper profit of f342 Members enjoyed a 25p a stare discount in the offer, and successful applicants were able to pick up shares at just 265p.

The price of the shares is expected to remain volatile as the market focuses on concerns that the Government may remove the tax advantages of taxexempt groups such as pension funds and charities. That would have a knock on effect on the stock market value of shares.

Analysis have said the fair value of Norwich Union shares is between 280p and 340p but, as with the Halifax and Alliance & Leicester flotations, continuing upward pressure is expected to be put on the shares by institutions keen to increase their exposure to the stocks before Norwich Union enters the FISE 100 index of leading

Michael Harrison

British Steel is accelerating its

programme of job cuts this

year, squeezing suppliers harder and seeking to locate more

production abroad in the face

Nationwide fends off speculators

Personal Finance Editor

Nationwide Building Society was forced yesterday to raise the minimum opening balance on

many of its savings accounts after coming under siege from carpet-baggers hoping to gain from potential free share wind-Coventry Building Society

barred some account openings altogether after being similarly inundated. Both societies have declared their commitment to mutuality.
At Nationwide, 25,000 new

accounts were opened in a branches running out of passbooks as they tried to cope with a flood of applications from socalled "carpet-baggers".

The openings come as Na-

tionwide fights off a bid by five rebel members, campaigning under the banner Members for Conversion, to win seats on the society's board in this month's election. If the rebels were to win, or to do well in the election, they would claim this reflected a mandate for demutualisation.

The Building Societies Commission, the industry's watchdog, denied suggestions yesterday

that it was seeking to bar the five candidates on the grounds of inexperience. A spokesman said that, as with all successful candidates, their suitability would be assessed after the election.

Nationwide claimed vesterday that a large number of new openings were not from wind-fall speculators but from genuine savers attracted to its highly competitive rates.

"A large proportion of the openings is not speculative in that sense. For example, what we are seeing is the average balance is £10,000 compared with the £500 minimum. A lot of that comes from demutualising societies."

minimum balance on some accounts to forestall carpetbassers These include the Capital Builder account, whose opening balance stood at £1,000, was dropped to £500 in April but has been raised back to £1,000. Invest Direct, another account, has gone from £500 to £2,000.

ings of MoneyMaker and Bonus savings accounts.
Other accounts would only be available to customers living within certain Midlands post-

Coventry said it had been

pushed into halting new open-



In the frame: from left, Peter Stothart, CFC chief executive, Mike Boudry, CFC chairman, Sharon Reed, Framestore md, and William Sargent, Framestore financial director

Megalomedia buys CFC

Cathy Newman

Megalomedia, Lord Saatchi's media and recruitment services company, has formed Europe's largest special effects group by spending £8.6m on Computer Film Holdings, one of the leading providers of digital effects to the international film industry.

Computer Film Holdings (CFC), which has offices in London and Hollywood, will merge with Megalomedia's Framestore division. CFC has worked on 90 feature films in the US and Europe, including blockbusters such as Mission: Impossible, Braveheart and The Nutty Professor, starring Eddie

A spokesman for Megalomedia said yesterday the company would fill-in with other acquisitions in the screen-based services sector. He said the merger would not result in any

Megalomedia, which is head-

ed by Lord Saatchi and boasts Mick Jagger as a shareholder, has stakes in a number of new media ventures, including Cy beria Café and the Multimedia

Last August, it acquired an 11.1 per cent share of Webmedia, a web site design outfit. Megalomedia joined the Alternative Investment Market in December 1995.

CFC had turnover of £5.19m in the year to September, and profits of £447,000.

IN BRIEF

 Railtrack has invited suppliers to bid for £1bn worth of work on track renewals between 1998 and 2002, the first time the group has offered tenders for more than one year's business. The four year contracts will have options to extend to seven years, based on performance, Railtrack said yesterday. The new deals, which also include related haulage work during track replacement, are likely to put further pressure on costs in the privatised rail industry. They replace contracts agreed while Railtrack was in the public sector. The announcement is part of the group's £16bn scheme to investment in railway infrastructure over the next 10 years.

• ICI shareholders yesterday approved the £5bn takeover of Unilever's speciality chemicals businesses at an extraordinary general meeting in London. Sir Ronald Hempel, chairman, said the public offering of the group's 62 per cent stake in ICI Australia was proceeding and the arrangements for the flotation of the Tioxide venture were continuing.

· Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman of Marks & Spencer and former head of the committee on executive pay, netted a profit of £242,000 yesterday after cashing in options. Sir Richard exercised 87,789 options at 254p. selling on the resulting shares at 530p. He retains a holding of 42,432 shares in the company.

• Boots finance director David Thompson yesterday netted a paper profit of £135,000 after exercising options to buy 45,000 shares at 438p. He later sold 35,000 shares in the company at 738-1/2p per share to realise him a gain of £105,000

• British Interactive Broadcasting, the digital television company set up last month by BSkyB, British Telecom, Matsushita Electary of State for National Heritage, about offering its interactive services to schools. It is understood that BIB made a presentation to Tony Blair, the Prime Minister, and John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, before the election.

• Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries announced a £2.6m exceptional charge to cover a change in its lager brands from Harp to Foster's and Heineken Cold Filtered. The £2.6m charge, to be taken in this year's accounts, will cover the cost over the next four years for settling existing supplier contracts and the operational expense of the changeover.

• Centrica, the demerged British Gas supply group, yesterday announced that Simon Waugh, managing director of Saga Services, would take up the post of group director of marketing. Roy Gardner, chief executive of Centrica, said the appointment completed the company's senior management line-up.

centre stage at G7 summit

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

riers to job creation.

Announcing the summit, likely to be held in February, Mr Brown said: "Employability is the key to a cohesive society which offers opportunity to all its citizens. Better education and

search to be presented in February. A series of summits since 1994 has led to a developing consensus that jobs can not be created by extra government spending, although the new

Socialist government in France might yet need to be brought round to this point of view

The economic summit in Denver on Friday and Saturday will also include a discussion of trade tensions between the US and Japan as a result of the latter's rising bilateral trade surplus with America. But the summit is unlikely to mark another turning point in the dol-lar's exchange rate against the

Only a half of unemployed people who find work will still be in a job nine months later, and a fifth of the workforce either loses or starts a job during the course of a year. Despite this amount of churning in the jobs market, nearly one in five households in the UK has nobody in work. The extent of turnover in jobs, revealed in research published yesterday, lends support to the view that it is better for the unemployed to take any job because it

Employment Audit, researchers Paul Gregg and Jonathan Wadsworth from the London School of Economics track the movements into and out of work by individuals in 1994/95. They found that most starter jobs were temporary, with only one in eight surviving intact for nine months. higher skills, combined with Employment Audit, Employment Policy Institute, 0171-735 0777.

yen because central bank gov-

ernors will not be present. The dollar has fallen from above ¥125 to ¥114 since the G7's February summit produced a statement that its earlier rise had gone far enough.
"They might paper over the cracks at this week's summit, but if that trade surplus continues going up there will be serious exchange rate pressures by the autumn," said Ian Harwood, international economist at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson.

A third item on the agenda will be a further push for improved international co-operation over financial regulation and international financial crime. Progress on this has been slow, and the G7 would like to extend it to include Russia.

However, a new paper due to be published at the weekend will report on progress made since the initiative was launched at the Lyon summit last year and set the agenda for progress during

Airbus plc plan still on track

Chris Godsmark Business Correspondent

Ministers from the four countries involved in the Airbus consortium yesterday pledged to stick to the timetable to turn the plane-maker into a fully fledged company by 1999, despite fears the process had become stalled. Emerging from the meeting at the Paris airshow yesterday Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, said she was "cautiously optimistic" about the plan, but urged those

involved to adopt a sense of

Mrs Beckett said the ministers had backed the memorandum of understanding signed in lanuary, which said the new company would include assets from partner companies which include British Aerospace and Dasa of Germany. "The situation is on the way to being resolved. It's not resolved as of now but they are committed to resolving it. The final deadline of 1991 is still the final deadline," said Mrs Beckett.

Reports recently suggested Yves Michot, head of Aerospatiale of France, had said the partner companies had agreed not to include assets in the venture, leaving the Airbus company as little more than a marketing organisation. Mrs Beckett said these comments had been described as "a mis-

understanding" in the meeting. The French Communist transport minister, who chaired the meeting, gave no hint about his new government's commitment to privatising Aerospatiale, a move seen as an essential first step to creating an Airbus company.



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Brown to put labour markets

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will seek to make improved employability and reduced joblessness a main theme of the economic summit between the Group of Seven countries and Russia in Denver later this week. The discussion will be a pre-

lude to a special jobs summit to be held in the UK early next year. In an emphasis that will chime entirely with the views of the Clinton administration, the Labour Government wants the meeting to focus on equipping people with the skills they need to succeed in a flexible labour market, and on removing bar-

reduced burdens on business. are the way to guarantee high and stable levels of growth and

employment." This week's summit of world leaders and finance ministers is likely to commission new re-

will often lead to a better one.

In an article in the Employment Policy Institute's latest

British Steel to accelerate job cuts

ries of big investments in steel-

Of the £650m decline in But he said the efficiency British Steel's profits, £400m

Steel's market share, both in the UK and in the rest of Europe, overall, revenues per tonne were down by 8 per cent due a and lower prices.

of tumbling profits caused by the strength of sterling and Pre-tax profits slumped to weak prices. £451m last year from from £1.1bn in 1995/96 and analysis are pencilling in a further collapse in profits this year to be tween £150m and £200m.

Sir Brian Moffat, British Steel chairman, said that the group had already announced 2,000 job losses this year. Although he would not put a figure on redundancies for the full year, analysis believe it could be

double the 1,500 shed in 1996. At the same time, Sir Brian said British Steel was keen to expand production abroad. The company is carrying out feasi-bility studies into taking a ma-jority stake in a \$900m mini-mill in Indonesia and Sir Brian said

the long-term aim was to in-

crease overseas production to 25 per cent of total output. The company has made a se-

making capacity in North America in the last three years and is proceeding with invest-ment in steel finishing facilities near Bombay in India. Sir Brian stressed that the company's overseas ambitions did not pose any threat in the medium term to its four integrated UK plants at Port Talbot and Llanwern in south Wales, and Teesside and Sounthorpe on the east coast.

drive would be stepped up to make up for the currency disadvantage and extra transport costs that British Steel suffered compared with European rivals. He renewed his plea to the

Chancellor, Gordon Brown, to raise taxes in the Budget rather than relying upon higher interest rates to quell inflation. British Steel is also looking to get better value out of its 2,000 suppliers and this year expects them to absorb inflation - meaning a price reduction in real terms.

was caused by weaker prices and the strength of sterling while the Avesta stainless steel business made a loss of £7m compared with a profit of £228m in Despite an increase in British

combination of exchange rates

Sterling hammers British Steel

bodily harm to British Steel as far

ahead as it is sensible to look. As fast as the company sheds jobs They are also yielding a thumping 8 at home and expands production per cent. abroad, sterling's strength eats away

The one consolation is that things could have been worse. Pre-tax profits last year, though down by 60 per cent to £451m, were not as badly hammered as some had feared.

Indeed, add back in £60m of unanticipated restructuring provisions and the bottom line begins to look almost

This year there will be more pain.
In 1996-97 British Steel achieved an exchange rate of DM1.46 to the pound. This year it expects the rate to be more like DM1.75.

With 60 per cent of sales denominated in deutschmarks and profits cut by £10m every time the pound ap-preciates by one pfennig, it is easy to see why the company is screaming from the rooftops for a little less emphasis on interest rates as the mechanism for keeping inflation in check. In fact British Steel has been just

as badly, if not worse, hit by soft prices. Taking hot-rolled coil over the past 18 months, for instance, the price has slumped by around a quarter to DM480 a tonne.

The stainless business, Avesta, has been hit hardest. Although prices have moved off the bottom, encouraging the company to describe the trading outlook as one of "cautious optimism", prices have a long way to go to get back to their peak two summers

The company's answer to the shortterm phenomenon of a strong exchange rate has been to axe jobs - 1,500 last year and more than 2,000 already announced this year - and look for opportunities to increase its presence overseas.
Its US steelmaking businesses are

just coming on stream and it is in advanced talks to take a majority stake in a \$900m Indonesia mini-mill. In five years' time British Steel could see a quarter of production coming from

Given the company's high opera-tional gearing and huge sensitivity to small price movements, accurate fore-

casting of profits becomes a lottery.

The mid point this year is around £250m, but prices only have to soft-en or harden by 2 per cent for these to move £150m in either direction. Assuming £250m for this year, the

shares, down 5p to 158.5p, are on a forward multiple of 18 times earnings.

The iron bar represented by the pound-deutschmark exchange THE INVESTMENT COLUMN by ever more stringent international safety standards, and Britax is looking

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British Steel: At a glance

Market value: £3.32bn, share price 158.5p

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2.0

Share price

4.78

578

23.2

The dividend was held last year and looks safe again this year, backed by a strong cash position. Hold for the income, but not much else.

Britax earnings set to take off

hareholders of Britax, formerly called BSG, have had to fasten their seatbelts over the last few years as chief executive Richard Marton has set about revamping the aeroplane galleys to car accessories

group.

Earlier this year Britax ended its long association with selling cars by disposing of its Bristol Street dealerships for £72m. Now it has spent most of the proceeds, a net £64m, on German group Buderus Sell. The purchase, its biggest ever, makes Britax the world's largest provider of aircraft toilets,

cookers and coffee makers.
The logic of the deal is hard to fault, expanding Britax's presence in a business which typically earns margins

Five-year record

Pre-tax profits (£m)

Earnings per share (p)

Dividends per share (p)

Coil prices

of around 9 per cent, compared with the 1 to 2 per returns made by car

And it is a neat fit. Britax already has a long-term contract to supply Boeing. while Bulderus serves Airbus. Together the new partners will control up to 40 per cent of the market At first glance Britax looks to be paying a hefty price. The German group made a profit of just £3.7m in the year to last September on sales of £37.3m. But world-wide aircraft orders are booming and should continue to grow strongly in response to the 6 per cent annual growth in airline passenger

over the last few years. With cost savings to be had from in-creased purchasing power, analysts reckon Britan's profits could double this year. That means the deal will be earnngs enhancing from day one.

numbers the industry has enjoyed

Elsewhere sales of new products such as first class seats for British Airways' aircraft, dubbed "flying beds", have taken off and a new seat designed especially for the US carrier United Airlines is about to be unveiled

Its child car-seat business is also going from strength to strength, helped

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to expand the business in Malaysia and

It is likely to cash in on this success by making more, but smaller, acquisi-tions. Albert E Sharp has upped current year forecasts from £37.8m to £39.5m, putting the shares, up 2.5p at 99.5p, on a prospective price-carnings ratio of 12. Good value.

Wainhomes builds up profits

Tainhomes has bounced back from last year's problems. V including a police investigation into irregularities at its Lancashire arm. Bill Ainscough, the founder and main shareholder, has moved quickly to tighten up management at the Chester-based group since retaking the helm 17 months ago.

Pre-tax profits more than tripled from £2.08m to £6.68m in the 12 months to 4 April, on turnover raised from £96m to £106m. The largest boost came from the loss-making northern and Midlands regions, which, labouring under the impact of a £3m hit for overvaluation of work in progress in the previous year, staged a £3m turnaround to profits of £2m in the latest period.

But management, which has been changed in both the troubled regions, played a full role in the recovery. The steady march of the group southward - it now wins 51 per cent of its business in the North-west compared with 90 per cent five years ago - means it is charging more for its houses, while the mix is moving upmarket in the North as well. Last year's £24.5m de-ferred acquisition from English China Clays in the South-west made a profitable first-time contribution and has already met half this year's budgeted sales in the first quarter.

But management really showed through in the £24.5m operating cash inflow last year, reversing a £4.8m outflow, and in gross margins lifted from 15.8 to 18.3 per cent. That broke through 19 per cent in the second half and probably has further to go. Meanwhile, the order book is strong and the housing market recovery is trickling north.

Profit forecasts raised to £10.5m would put the shares at 150.5p on a forward price-earnings ratio of 13.
Reasonable value, although the market is tight with Mr Ainscough and fellow director and leisure mogul Trevor Hemmings sitting on approaching 50 per cent of the equity.

Bid battle looms as rival groups stalk T&N

Andrew Yates

T&N, the car parts supplier, was at the centre of bid speculation yesterday with City analysts suggesting an American bidder might make a £1bn strike.

T&N shares rose 20 per cent at one point to 166p before slipping back to 159p. Even at this price, after the rise in the share price, T&N looks like a sitting duck," says Robert Speed, engineering analyst with Henderson Crosthwaite.

It is thought that US motor parts groups Dana Corporation and Federal Mogul are considering tabling a joint £1bn bid. T&N is currently valued at £883m. But any bidder may be forced to go higher. "The shares are worth upwards of 200p before adding in any bid pre-mium," says Mr Speed. Analysts said T&N's UK ri-

vals GKN, BBA and another US motor group Allied-Signal, may also join the bidding race, forcing the asking price higher. One industry source suggested that T&N had held informal talks with several suitors. But

Chairman Sir Colin Hope has turned T&N into one of the world's leading car components groups over the last few years. GKN has already shown its interest in parts of T&N, tabling a £220m bid for its metallurgy business. Similarly BBA and

Allied were believed to have joined forces to mount a £400m plus bid for Ferodo, T&N's friction business. The car parts industry looks ripe for consolidation. It is suffering from over capacity and some of the smaller players

a cost of £25m due to weak European car industries. The first signs of consolidation came last year when Lucas teamed up with American rival Varity last year. BBA tried to block the bid and is thought to be keen to bag another acqui-

manufacturers. T&N an-

have to make 1,400 job cuts at

sition as soon as possible. T&N itself is trying to expand internationally. It is persevering in its long-running attempt to buy German piston manufacturer Kolbenschmidt, although

its attempts have been held up by the local competition authorities.

T&N has only recently become the subject of bid speculation after coming up with an innovative solution to cap outstanding liabilities arising from when, as Turner & Newall, it was one of the largest asbestos producers in the world. It still has to pay up to £323m to cover any future legal claims, but any further payments will be

covered by an insurance policy. An US court is still considering a T&N appeal to uphold have been squeezed by the car a class action against it called the Georgine settlement. nounced in March that it would

If the class action is permitted it will in effect help to cap T&N's US liabilities. Analysis estimate it would wipe up to £120m off any future claims. A ruling is expected as early as this

T&N's share price climbed sharply after it secured the in-surance deal which capped its asbestos liabilities. But since then its value has slumped alarmingly, and it has severely underperformed the stock mar-

Plysu expands into Spain

Cathy Newman

Plysu, the plastic containers group, has made the first of a series of planned acquisitions in Spain with the £4.25m purchase of Iplast, a company which makes bottles for olive oil.

Buying Iplast, which is based in Andalucia, would enable Plysu to exploit opportunities in the liquid food packaging market in Spain, the company said yesterday

David O'Shaughnessy, Plysu's chairman, said "further carefully targeted acquisitions" were planned following the formation of the company's Spanish divi-sion, Plysu Envases Alimentarios. Iplast is expected to make a profit before interest and tax 210 million pesetas (£900,000) this year.

Announcing a 35 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £9.3m for the year to the end of March, Mr O'Shaughnessy said the strength of sterling had depressed profits by around £500,000. He warned that, although performance in the UK significantly improved" the economic and political sit-

uations in France and Germany were likely to hinder

Warning wipes £73m off Psion

Magnus Grimond

Shares in Psion crashed 97.5p to 407.5p yesterday, wiping £73m off the computer group's market value, after it warned that trading had been hit in advance of the launch of its new state of the art Series 5 computer.

The group also cited the further weakening of the German mark, in which the group invoices 40 per cent of its sales. as hitting margins. Analysts sliced around a quarter from their profit forecasts for the current year following the warning. It comes just days after Logica, another British computer services group, saw its shares dive and analysts trim their forecasts in the wake of its announcement that it would be hit by the strong pound and difficulties in

recruiting extra staff. Launching the Series 5 yesterday, David Potter, chairman, said there had been a slowdown in Series 3 sales in May and June as distributors anticipated the arrival of the new while the cheaper Siena had also

been disappointing. "In these circumstances, the performance of the group will be affected until the Series 5 becomes established in its markets. However, with encouraging orders for the Series 5, we look forward with confidence." Marina Wyatt, who took over

as finance director in October. said the market had overreacted. The share price, which has been run up from 400p at the end of April to a recent peak of 509p, had started to move after the group announced a big licensing deal for its new EPOC32 operating system at the beginning of May and press leaks about the Series 5.

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Marie Comment

She said yesterday's statement was consistent with what the company had been saying all through the year. The only new factor was sales, which had been "well ahead" of the previous year but slowed down. fairly significantly" in May and June. "I would say, however, that sales are still well ahead of the previous year," she added.

While the new 32-bit Series 5 was well received by analysts, they cut their profit forecasts for the current year to December A from as high as £24m to as low just ahead of last year's £16m Keith Woolcock of Merrill Lynch said a speculative bubble had built up in the share price. but he cautioned that Psion had stumbled in previous years when it launched new products.

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Abbey National pursues Cater Apart from its traditional broking business. The proposed

Abbey National has emerged as the mystery suitor for Cater Allen in a bid that could value the former discount house at up to £200m. The bank, which was only recently linked to highstreet rival NatWest, said it would make a further an-

Cater Alien's shares soared arlier this month by more than 100p to 562p after the company said it was in talks that might lead to a bid. The shares closed

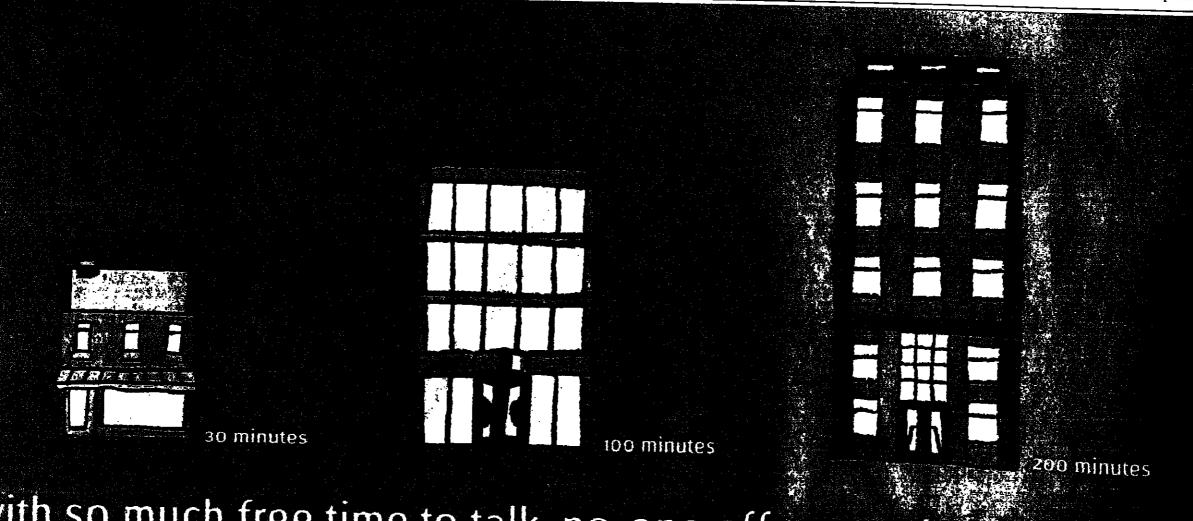
role as a discount house - essentially a go-between for the Bank of England and the big clearing banks - Cater Allen has a successful offshore investment operation in Jersey.

in 1995 for £7.25m.

Earlier this year it bought Aitken Campbell, the Glasgow market-making offshoot of Union, and said it planned to integrate the firm with its own

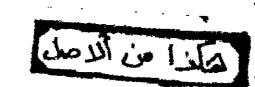
sale of Cater Allen comes after the discount houses lost their exclusive right to act as broker between the Bank of England and the commercial banks, a role Cater has fulfilled since

Cater has struggled to deal with interest-rate movements and profits for the six months to October showed a 40 per cent fall to £5.4m after the firm was caught out by a surprise increase



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Westminster leaks dampen Footsie's record high

hunting prompted the modest forced blue chips to backpedal from their record high with Footsie falling 38 points

It was the story that tax relief the institutions enjoy on their dividend payments would be abolished which caused the greatest concern. Suggestions the windfall tax will skim £500m from Railtrack and the National Audit Office was set to discover a black hole in the

Government's inherited finances contributed to the sudden erosion of sentiment. It was very much a marketmakers' induced reaction. There was no evidence of heavy selling. Turnover was below average once the near 150 million volume recorded by

debutante Norwich Union was stripped out. down 47.6. A mixed New York the hitherto high-flying bank-display and a little late bargain ing contingent with Abbey Na-

rally.
Said one trader: "It's a pretty
"e Monday. miserable day - it's Monday, it's raining and there is no en-

thusiasm around." Norwich peaked at 357.5p. It closed at 324.5p, an effective

34.5p gain. National Westminster Bank, however, usurped Norwich as the financial event of the day. It fell 41.5p to 755p as Martin Owen, chief executive of the bank's City operation, Nat West Markets, quit. Even excluding the £77m one-off hit for interest options mispricing the securities side expects profits

The problems at the investment arm prompted NatWest to warn six months' profits

would not top £770m, against hopes of up to £900m. The NatWest setback undermined confidence among

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Severn Trent lowered 29.5p to

722.5p.
London Bridge Software put
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stock market reporter of the year strength of the copper price, up tional, the bidder for former 11.5p to 1,109p.
Utilities had an uncertain time on the looming windfall tax. Railtrack was shunted backwards 30.5p to 624p and

27.5p to 868p and Barciays down 36.5p to 1,212.5p. British Energy also had a sudden departure to contend with - chief executive Robert Hawley. The shares fell 13p to 145.5p although a 9.1p final dividend was stripped from also produced a profits warning, falling 97.5p to 407.5p. On Friday Logica had a similar experience and lost 95.5p. It declined a further 32.5p to

discount house Cater Allen, off

the price. A few out-of-favour stocks picked a downbeat day to stage modest revivals. Burton and Smith & Nephew, both to be ejected from Footsie, led the eader board and even BTR put

on 2.5p to 191.5p.

Shell remained in demand,

which would require a rights is-

Bluebird Toys fell a further 8.5p to 80p, lowest for three years. A surprise profits warning last month has caused the latest decline. Yet Bluebird looks a sitting duck for takeover action with its £26.3m cash pile almost matching its

market capitalisation. Cable & Wireless Communications firmed to 290p as Salomon Brothers produced a 422p target price, suggesting merger benefits of £200m a

year by next year.
Albert Fisher, the food group where a predator hov-ers, fell 3p to 43.5p with Bar-clays Global Investors selling

1 million shares at 45p. It now has 2.62 per cent.

T&N, the vehicle components group, was at one time up 28p on takeover speculation. The price closed at 159p, up 21p. Reports of £1bn joint bid from US groups Dana and

Federal Mogul created the ex- The controversial

Bakychik, seeking gold in the former Soviet Union, dropped 9.5p to 83.5p, a low Last year the shares touched 589.5p. In February the gold struggler raised £7.1m through a placing at 200p. It is known to need more cash to bring its

mines into production.

On Ofex little Internet Music Shop was launched at 50p. Its offer was 3.5 times oversubscribed. The shares closed

at 55p, up 5p.
Fairbriar, the house builder, rose 5p to 37p after producing profits of £3.3m against a £545,000 loss. The company, where the Bank of Scotland sits on 47.3 per cent, was rescued

from the corporate graveyard five years ago. Dean Corporation added 1.5p to 14.5p after announcing

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orders totalling £7.2m.

ranagement takeover of Colleagues, the junk mail specialist, is thought to be near to being announced. The shares have edged ahead

to 70p as the deal's finishing touches are put together. Many in the City think chairman James Robson and his team should pay at least 115p a share - the price at

which the company was floated at two years ago. The shares have been as high as 265p but came crashing down following trading problems. A US fund

is thought to be supporting the Robson deal. ☐Waste Recycling, the David Williams vehicle which came to market at 50p three years ago, shaded to 297.5p, just

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at 200p in March. It said it was up 18.5p to 1,277.5p, and Rio-Tinto scored again on the hoping to clinch an acquisition

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An alternative agenda for Europe's politicians

urope's political masters may be only half way through their two-day summit in Amsterdam but we know, don't we, pretty much what will happen. Short of some blazing open row, a possibility not to be entirely discounted, the patched-up compromise will keep the Maastricht process moving forward for a few months more. The communique with the various possible forms of words has long been written, and the real decision about Europe's future direction will be taken in about 18 months' time.

But it is frustrating for the rest of us, and even for the Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, to judge by recent speeches, to watch politicians talk and know that the words mean very little. There are so many issues which they could be talking about which matter crucially to the ability of the countries in the European time zone both to give a more fulfilling life to their citizens and to compete more effectively against countries in the American and East Asian time zones. So as an antidote to an overdose of Eurowaffle, try this list of half a dozen issues which do matter enormously to Europe's future and are not on the agenda in Amsterdam.

One. How can European countries plan for the region becoming the oldest in the world, bar Japan, by the end of the second decade of the next century? There is now, at last, an awareness of the implications of ageing populations on pay-as-you-go public pension systems, and a lot of good work is being done by the OECD on the impact on the tax burden, and both the last UK government and the present one have been working on the public pension side of it. But the rest of Europe has not: and in any case this is only one

aspect of the problem. We need to think not just of the macro-economic implica-



** Hamish McRae

Our leaders do not regard the economic

integration of Eastern Europe as adding to our comparative

advantage in the world. It will; or at least, could do

economic ones. What will the impact be on the education system? Or on the skill-base of workers? How do we build up a much better support system for the army of elderly? What does this mean for companies. for this is far from being an issue just for the public sector? In Japan the multiple problems of ageing are being analysed with great intensity. In Europe it hardly seems to be discussed.

Two. How does Europe create more new businesses? Of course, unemployment in the large continental countries has at last moved to the centre of the debate, and the UK is attempting to tackle its problem of long-term unemployment, But even more flexible labour markets, econo-speak for getting rid of rigid labour laws which discourage employers taking on rope does not increase its rate of company creation. Britain does quite well by European standards on this measure, but it is world standards that mat-ter. Europe as a whole has to do much better, learning from

North America and East Asia. Three leads on from this. Why is Europe not creating many high-technology businesses? Even Britain lags badly behind the US on this score, but for the large continental economies the problem is worse still. Is there something lacking in European education systems? A particular problem for Germany and to some extent France is that they may be keeping their cleverest people in education too long. If people only get their first jobs in the second half of their 20s, rather than the first, they may be too old to want to take the risks of a hi-tech start-up.

Four. We have to look at the implications of a step-change in the level of self-employment. Bill Gates recently suggested that by 2050 half the workforce would be self-employed. Even if that is right, it might seem a long way off and many of us will not be around to worry. Nevertheless, if the trend towards self-employment continues (as it has in the UK), this has profound implications. Welfare policies are based round employment: there is not much point, for example, legislating for a minimum wage if half the

work-force is self-employed. Five. How do we incorporate the economies of the Eastern Europe into the Western European economic zone? This is a different issue from the political enlargement of the EU, which is near the top of the agenda. Before the First World War Europe was an integrated economy, and drew strength from the different skills and resources to the East. Now we tend to see Eastern Europe as either a market, a problem or even a threat. Individual companies can spot the contribution the region can make - for example using its skilful computer programmers to help fix the millennium bug. But our political leaders do not regard its economic integration as adding to Europe's comparative advantage in the world. It will; or at least it could do.

Finally, Europe has falled to see its cultural diversity as an economic opportunity. One of the most disturbing develop-ments of the world economy (from a European point of view) has been the failure of Europe to provide any real competition to US popular culture. There are pockets of success. The UK does well to hold between 15 and 20 per cent of the pop music market, perhaps 30 per cent of the software for video games, and has been gaining a bit of ground in films. Sweden does well in pop music, too. But elsewhere exports of popular culture are pitiful. A generation ago styl-ish young Brits flocked to French movies. Now 80 per

cent of cinema attendances in France are watching American.
This is dreadful. Britain may do quite well over the next 20 years in this field, but that does not help Europe as a whole much. Within the Continent there are enormous, and dif-ferent, cultural resources. That difference ought to be a source of strength. Yet policy has tended to subsidise films people do not want to watch, or put quotas on US imports that they do. Instead of building on

strength, we protect weakness. Not subjects for Europe's politicians? Surely they should be. That is not a call for state intervention in, say, the French film industry, and certainly not for more Brussels bureaucracy. Rather it is to point out that European governments are not thinking about our Conti-nent's comparative advantages and disadvantages in a sys-tematic, orderly and disciplined way. Our own Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary under-

How to become a millionaire before your first birthday

David Whelan, the no-nonsense chairman and founder of sports retailer JJB Sports, is gifting shares worth £23.5m to his four grandchildren. The donation, made together with his wife, will make grandson Paul, who is just two-and-ahalf weeks old, the youngest millionaire in Britain. Laura aged 11, Matthew, aged nine and six-year-old David will

also benefit. "The move is designed to avoid in-heritance tax. Mr Whelan is 60, and has been advised to make the donation." says Arwel Evans, financial controller at JJB. "Not that he is in poor health," he added burriedly.

Finally the secret is out, the secret of why Gordon Brown's speeches are so similar to those of his predecessor as Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kenneth

This has nothing to do with Labour's new-found conservatism, we can reveal, but everything to do with the fact that he has persisted since he took up his new position in using the same speech writer, a career civil servant called Samantha Beckett.

She has written both of the last two Mansion house speeches, and while it would be ridiculous to suggest this 30something high-flier has any influence on policy, she possibly does have some-thing to do with the similarly considered

tone and the semantics. Unfortunately our Ken is too busy on the campaign trail to comment on her pedigree, but Treasury insiders describe her as an entirely apolitical animal. "very clever, very Treasury, very New Labour actually".

The finalists of the Reuters City golf open have been let down badly by the weather. Twenty two City golfers, who were taking part in the event to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust, flew to the Bahamas for the final stages

at the end of May. They were the lucky ones of 400 entrants who had each paid a £200 entry fee. Usually, Paradise Island basks in seven-and-a-half hours of sunshine every day in June so there was much packing of suntan lotion and floppy

Sadly, brollies would have been more in order. There was only a few hours of sun but quite a bit of rain. The golfers entertained themselves at the local tenpin bowling alley and, more predictably, at the local casino instead. Eventually, Keiichi Hirano and Hiroshi Nakano of Yamaichi pipped Kenny McBride and Andre Katz of Deutsche Morgan

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Grenfell to win the tournament. And £62,000 was raised for charity.

A new tool for picking shares has emerged from an unexpected quarter. This one does not involve astrology or dart boards, but selects its losers and winners from the number of unfavourable or favourable mentions in the organs of the press.

Press Watch Quarterly, which coincidentally makes a living keeping track of the fortunes of 1,501 companies in the columns of the media, thunders authoritatively: "Companies that score con-sistently badly in PressWatch often eventually lose their independence or have to reorganised themselves drastically." It cites Ratners, Trafalgar House and British Gas as examples of those who have fallen to the jinx of the

The latest to be given the black spot is Scottish Amicable, which saw its rating slump from 47 to a negative 2.257 points, the worst of any company in the latest quarter as it succumbed to a bid

Other duffers include Sears and. surprise, surprise, Nat West Group.

The winners' enclosure includes Tesco and Gartmore, the Nat West fund management arm, but the bad news is that recent high flyers Stagecoach and Halifax are also there holding up the bottom of the table - so don't say you weren't warned.

News has arrived of the appointment of Philip Rogerson, deputy chairman of BG (the old name for British Gas) as non-executive deputy chairman designate" of Aggreko, the generator hire company soon to be demerged from the Christian Salvesen transport

Best known for his description of gas regulator Clare Spottiswoode's review of the gas business as "one of the biggest smash-and-grab raids ever", he should find Aggreko rather restful, even if it is not the big chairmanship he is

said to be seeking.

The little local difficulties experienced recently by Salvesen with former chairman Sir Gerald Elliot will be as nothing to the travails of British Gas, but he will no doubt still be able to put his unrivalled expertise in handling disgruntled shareholders to good use.

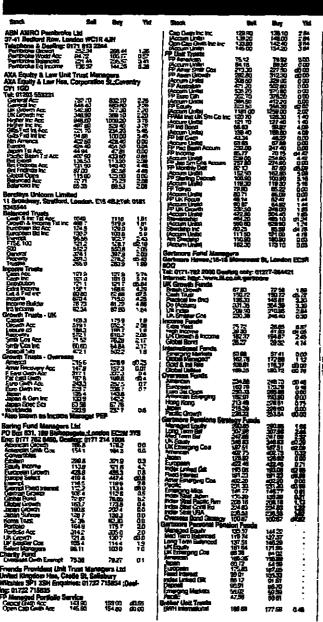
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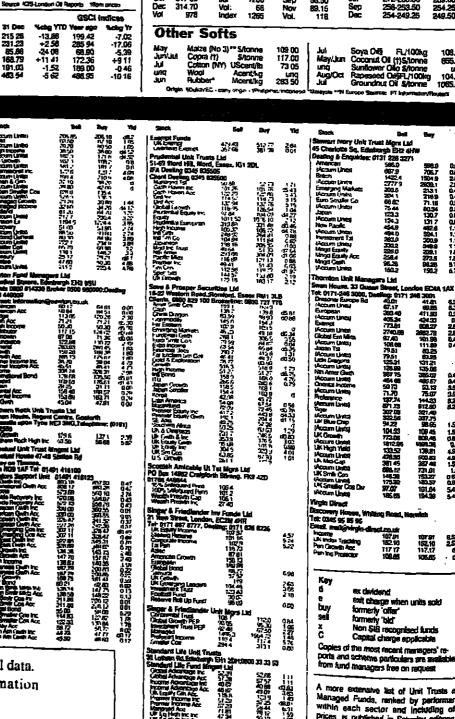
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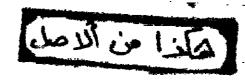
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erally, the best.
The form of Entrepreneur in

the Newmarket 2,000 Guineas

has certainly struggled to stand in recent weeks, and the win-

ner's disappointing run in the

Derby was yet another blow, but

one horse who ran well on the Rowley Mile and has won since

- in Group One company, too

- is Starborough (next best 3.45). David Loder's colt was

fourth behind Entrepreneur,

just a short-head behind Poteen,

who is among his rivals this af-

ternoon. Given that so little dis-

tance separated them there,

and that Poteen's stamina might

just be stretched by today's

very stiff mile, it is a surprise to

find the latter colt at around 100-30 this morning, while Star-borough is available at 8-1. He

deserves to be backed at those

odds, and the fact that today's

field is eight-strong makes an

each-way bet an option for the

Favourites can be a risky

naturally cautious.

ROYAL ASCOT: The opening day features a meeting of the milers to turn the heads of those more concerned with millinery

Starborough fair odds for an upset

GREG WOOD

Depending on your point of view, it is either a great strength or a source of enormous irritation that the sights and sounds of Royal Ascot's opening day are strikingly similar to those depicted in the famous scene in My Fair Lady. True, the gents and gels will not be dancing in formation on the lawn, and you can be absolutely certain that, unlike Rex Harrison, no one will manage to slip into the Royal enclosure wearing a tweed jacket, but in most other respects, the emphasis will be on keeping up appearances, making sure that everyone knows their place, being seen in the right hat and after that, perhaps, watching the odd race or two.

That it is matters other than racing which preoccupy many racegoers at this meeting is demonstrated by the fact that a few Grandstand tickets remain unsold for this afternoon's card. even though most regular punters would agree that in terms of the quality of competition, it

is the finest of the week. The St James's Palace Stakes, the feature race of the day, pulls together the form from the French, Irish, English and Italian 2,000 Guineas, and it's winner will surely be the best miler in Europe. The supporting acts include Bosra Sham, one of the most popular Flat horses in training, a horde of promising iuveniles in the Coventry Stakes, some of the best milers around in the Queen Anne, and two handicaps of staggering size and complexity. Racegoers

in the Royal enclosure generally refrain from cheering, but there may well be something among today's attractions which will

raise excitement even there. The danger for punters, of course, is that it is difficult to resist a bet at every opportunity, though if your betting is going to get compulsive, it might as well be here, where the markets are so strong that, as with the Cheltenham Festival in March, top-class performers are avail-

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Kennemara Star (Royal Ascot 4.55) NB: Even Top (Royal Ascot 3.05)

able at unusually large prices. The downside, however, is that an eight-runner event like the St James's Palace Stakes includes five, perhaps six, perfectly credible winners, so you could back four of them and still emerge empty-handed.

One apparent odds-on chance, though, is that today's most valuable prize will be leaving the country, since Day-lami, Alain du Royer-Dupré's French 2,000 Guineas winner, and Desert King, who took the Irish equivalent for Aidan O'Brien's Ballydoyle yard, will be jostling each other for favouritism at around 2-1. A win for either would be an important milestone for their respective trainers, since du Royer-Dupré has yet to saddle a winner of any sort in England, while O'Brien is seeking his first success at the Royal meeting. But it may prove premature to

London News has only a slim chance of making headlines against Bosra Sham

upset in the Prince of Wales's Stakes. London News, the much-travelled South African challenger, will be the choice of some simply because of his nov-elty value, but there is no reason to think that his best form

proposition at this meeting, but is hard to see any of Bosra would place him within half a Sham's (3.05) rivals causing an stone of Henry Cecil's filly. ST JAMES'S PALACE STAKES - 10-YEAR-TALE 1967 88 89 90 91 82 93 94 86 98 11.2 92 64 11-1 74 251 25 61 11-4 94 7.10 85 811 830 93 92 92 711 88 710 miliar + 50:40 Second Fav ers placed 1st, 2nd or 3nd in last caces 70% grad parced without Brief Truce 25-1 (1992) ii J.Duniop - Martir (1991), Bahri (1995)

Cecil saddles the favourite. Ali-Royal, in the Queen Anne Stakes, but a far more rewarding choice could be Amrak Ajeeb (2.30), who is ideally suited by waiting tactics in a fast-run mile, which is all but guaranteed

with Gothenberg in the field.

Diligence (4.20) will also be at decent odds to give Paul Cole his third Coventry Stakes in seven years, while Generous Libra 4.55), another from David Loder's yard, can upset the favourite, Kennemara Star, in the Britannia (with Kaiser Kache drawn high, the far side is the place to look for vital early pace). In punting terms, though, the best may be saved until last, since TOTEM DANCER (nap 5.30) is about to encounter the test of stamina which she has long demanded.

ROYAL ASCOT 2.36 Substantial rain would improve the prospects of two leading con-tenders here, All-Royal and the lightly raced Windon. Roger Charlon, who trains the latter, is keen on this one's chance but more enthu-

siastic noises have been emanati

from Ian Balding, who saddles HIDDEN MEADOW. This colt either side of that run, impres with wins at Newmarket and Epson. 3.05: ALHAARTH, who has win-tered in Dubai and is trying this trip

for the first time, is taken to return to the form that made him the top uvenile of 1995 and unseat the odds on Bosra Sham. The favourite made heavy work of winning on her return and also has Even Top to fear.

3.45: Starborough, a winner at nine furlongs, should ensure a strong

pace. Daylami decisively won the French equivalent of the 2,000 Guineas at Longchamp, but that event was only steadily run in the early stages. This looks best left to POTEEN, an excellent third in our Guineas when not fully wound up. Luca Comani says today's race has been this one's target for some time.

Photograph: Robert Hallam

4.20: Several once-raced colts appeal, but BOLD EDGE, who won comfortably over this trip at Newbury, is preferred to Hadid and Shadow Of Doubt, who is held in very high regard by his trainer.

Fallon the trophy favourite

Last year's Royal meeting was ry Cecil, who did not saddle a winner for the first time since 1974. Normal service seems sure to be resumed this year and anyone prepared to bet otherwise can get 25-1 about a second successive blank week for Warren Place, writes Greg Wood.

The Tote, who opened a book yesterday on how many of Royal Ascot's 24 races Cecil will win. make three and four successes the joint-favourites on 5-2. They then bet 4-1 about two winners, 11-2 against five, and 8-1 against six or more, with none at all their 25-1 outsider. With a team which includes Bosra Sham and Sleepytime, the last two winners of the 1,000 Guineas, and last year's Oaks winner, Lady Cara, there would surely be few takers for the whitewash even at twice those odds.

The Tote's confidence is good news for Kieren Fallon, Cecil's stable jockey, who is an odds-on chance to win the trophy for the meeting's leading rider. He is 4-5 favourite with the big three layers, with fellow Irishman Pat Eddery his closest pursuer at 5-1 (the Tote). Another compatrior Christy Roche, was the subject of a "substantial" het with Ladbrokes yesterday, and was cut to 10-1 from 20-1. With Olivier Peslier (10-1, Tote) and Lanfranco Dettori (10-1, Tote) also well supported. Richard Quinn is the first British jockey

in the list at 20-1 (Coral). Gary Stevens, the American whose book of rides is growing almost by the hour – Anvil (Chesham Stakes) and Tykevor (Bessborough) were added to the list yesterday - is a 40-1 chance with Ladbrokes.

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ROYAL AGEOF

2.30 Hidden Meadow 3.05 Albaarth 3,45 Poteen 5.30 NANTON POINT (nap)

GOING: Good to Firm (Good in places).

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STALLS: Straight course — stands side; round course — inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

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Course is near junction of A328 and A330. Access from M3 (Junc 3) and M4 (Junc 6).

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MILADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: J Dundop — 26 winners from 135 runners gives a success ratio of 19.3% and a profit to a 51 level state of 578.96; J Gooden — 18 winners, 111 runners, 16.2%,—511.56; M Stoate — 16 winners, 144 runners, 11.1%, 536.42; R Hannon — 16 winners, 161 runners, 201 rides, 14.9%,—512.08; Pat Eddery — 30 winners, 228 rides, 13.2%,—537.83; T Quinn — 26 winners, 176 rides, 14.8%, 54.51.21; J Bedd — 25 winners, 201 rides, 12.4%;—58.80.

BLINERRED FIRST TIME: Colps (visored), Harbour Master (4.20); Major Dundee (visored) (5.30). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS. None.

LONG-DISTANCE BUNNERS (within GB): Northern Motto (6.30) has been sent 403 niles by J Goldic from University (within GB): Northern Motto (6.30) sent 269 miles by F

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Stella, 14-1 can research at 9 2 M J Forms 10-11 for (5 bin Surpor) drawn (6) 9 mm 1998; Citarranood Forest 4 9 2 M J Forms 10-11 for (5 bin Surpor) drawn (6) 9 mm 1998. That would not have been the case, however, had not ALL-ROYAL been faced with a walf of horses across the track in the Jersey Stakes, Pulling at over his mets throughout. All-Royal was totally trapped with nowhere to go and White Royal just had to accept his bad kuch. All-Royal comes here after failing to stay 10 furlongs in the Condon Richards Stakes at Sandown. He'll relish this mile on last ground after his excellent second to First stand in the Lockings Stakes at Newhorty, and looks capable of confirming his Earl Of Selton with the Lockings Stakes at Newhorty, and looks capable of confirming his Earl Of Selton withing form over Whitim. Penalised for his narrow with from a russy First Island in the Sandown Mile, Whitin should again beat Beauchamp king (sixth) and Common Stakes (seventh), though the altered terms gives Bin Rosels (thurt) and Gothenberg (fourth) a fighting chance. But this pair will shall have to do bester after finishing some way behind All-Royal on softer ground in the Lockings. Allied Rosess was trained in America last year. He was a tasty Juensia with an the Lockings at the Covertry Stakes. Newsamis would have a chance on his close fourth to Gabr in last year's Sandown Mile, but Hillden Meandow had little to best at Enfourth to Gabr in last year's Sandown Mile, but Hillden Meandow had little to best at Enfourth to Gabr in last year's Sandown Mile, but Hillden Meandow had little to best at Enfourth to Gabr in last year's Sandown Mile, but Hillden Meandow had little to best at Enfourth to Gabr in last year's Sandown Mile, but Hillden Meandow had little to best at Enfourth to Gabr in last year's Sandown Mile, but Hillden Meandow had little to best at Enfourth to Gabr in last year's Sandown Mile, but Hillden Meandow had little to best at Enfourth to Gabr in last year's Sandown Mile, but Hillden Meandow had little to best at En

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FORM GUIDE

BOSRA SHAM will be at very short odds against her six rivels. Henry Cecif said after her win in the Champion Stakes at Newmarket test October that Bosra Sham would be even better or four, and a race into apin to best Predapolo at Sandown will have put an extra edge on at four, and a race into apin to best Predapolo at Sandown will have put an extra edge on her. London News may be the South African champion, but he faces a massive zeat other her. London News may be the South African champion, but he faces a massive zeat other her. London News may be the South African champion, but he faces a massive zeat other her. London News may be the South African champion, but he faces a massive zeat other her. London News may be the South African champion of the face of the f

length beating by Bosra Sham in the Champion Stakes. Althourth has wintered in Dubos since his soft-ground win in the Phi Du Rond-Point at Longchamp test October. The stable's horses are not exactly firing and to win this without recent action is asking a lot of him. He-licon, Staleballon and Achama seem mites out of their depth. Selection: BOSRA SHAM

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ĺ	3.45	ST JAMES'S PALACE STAKES (GROUP 1) (CLASS A) £160,000 3YO 1m (md) Penalty Value £134,680
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2	112-11	DKYLAMA (37) (D) (H H Aga Khan) A De Royer Duore (Fri 9 0 G Mosse 7 117
3	16-211	DESERT 1096 (23) (D) (M Tabor & Mrs.) Magner) A POThren (M 9 0 C Roche 3 119
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5	12	MANUAL IX (USA) (16) (D) (Herndan Al Maideouro) / Gosdan 9 0
ē		POTEEN (USA) (45) (Lord Vester) L. Curren 9 0. Pat Eddery 2 122
7	2.1252	RUNDWIG STAE (USA) (28) (Derek Crowson) P Machel 9 0
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POTEEN is the bet here after his third in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket.
late feel, Poteen is the one who is going to improve. Luca Cumani held reser his chance at Neumarket, believing his charge wanted, a bit more time, so Poteen's third must have brought a smale to his face. He is a stronger horse now. Dayland, in withing the French Gurdess confirmed earlier Longchamp superiority over André Fabre's Loup Sauvage with another teiling turn of foot, though the one doubt has to be his ability on laster ground. Desert Ning won the Irish 2,000 Guineae at the Curragh in softer ground than this, and he was found out when he contested the Dewhurst last October, Starborough runs from the front and he was just a short-head behand Poteen at Neumaniet. Franke Detton dictated matters at Chandily 16 days ago to beat Mannalik, and that form should be confirmed with John Gosden stating that Mannalik prefers out in the ground. Air Express is a bough deal who was narrowly bettern by is Commission in the Dewhurst Stales. He has been in top form the veer with Curriess with in Itahy and Germany, but this rates a starrer test of his soliny. this year with Currens wins in Italy and Germany, but this rates a starner test of his ability.

4		COVENTRY STAKES (GROUP 3) (CLASS A) £40,000 added 240 6f Penalty Value £26,920
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2	1	BOLD EDGE (30) (3) (Lady Whent) R Hannon & 12
3	1	BOLD FACT (USA) (11) (D) (K Abdullah) H Cool 8 12
4	3121	CHIPS (24) (D) (Luczyer Stud) D Boworth 8 12
5	1	DESERT PRINCE (24) (D) Quesian Study D Loder 8 12
8		DESCRICE (28) Union P Cole 8 12 T Order 11, 94
7		HADED (18A) (20) (Hamdan Al Makeburn) B Hills 8 12 R Hills 7 105
8		HARBOUR MASTER (24) 687 OAS I Memen A P O'Brien (vi) 8 12
ğ		HAYEL RUSA) (24) (Harrdan Al Maidourn) D Mortey 8 12 Mr. M Halls 8 —
10		HECKORY (48) (G Startberg) M. Hayres 8 12R Cochrane 1A -
11		RUSTY BASE (12) (0) (Mrs K Mespa) J J Quant 8 12
12		SHADOW OF DOUBT (27) (Da (R E Sangalet) P Creatile Harm 8 12
13		SPEEDFT 700 69 (John Guest G Manseson 8 12
14		SWIFT ALLUNICE (20) (D) (Biderstaff Woolsey Raong) R Alehurst 8 12 D Harrison 1 100
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NAYEL is the choice to reverse Concester form with Deseint Prisono. Nowhere near as fan-cied as David Loder's hotpot, Heyli still showed loads of pace and lought back well when headed. With the experience behind him, Heyli will not be easily brushed aske this time. As his odds suggested, Deseit Prince went to Town Moor with a tall reputation, but this looks a totally different comess. Bold Edgie is rated highly by Richard Hernon and the Beseied colt justified support on his debut at Newbury despire a bad draw. Alled Forces couldn't win it for Herny Cecil two years ago and he tree again with Goothwood debut winner Bold Fact, whose dam Sookers tested victory at this Royal thours. Blaneridge Daviser von the Garter Staless here under a panalty and he's definitely better than his showing in the National Staless at Sandown sugglests. David Elsworth reports Calles (now thed in a veroir as the best he has had for some time, and while Dilligence should relish this sooth furlong, his Gootwood was from Sheggrath has been devalued since. Shadow Of Dought was helped by the tall when paining a narrow win from Arpesigo at Goodwood. Harboer Massaker is find in pliffiers af-

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;	316.0	REDWING (83) (Sir Thomas Pillengton) J Duniop 8 7	X Dealey 12
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ì	6.2510	TIGRELLO (33) (D) (A M Al-Moton) G Levis 8 2	Paul Eddery 24
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Despite an apparently poor draw in the middle KENNEMARA STAR looks set to win this for John Dunlop and Jimmy Quim. Dunlop also runs the highly promising Redwinding, who had the distinction of finishing alhead of Entrepreneur as a juvende. But Kennemara Star has been a tancy for this ever since he won at Leicester, and his latest showing at York — where he got no run all the way up the straight — can be ignored. Kewell and Generous Libra are learning to opposite sides of the course, and both these madern winners have the look of leading contenders in their first handicap. John Gooden won the last year with the high-drawn North Song, and his telented coll klaudsome Ridge (drawn 26) is a threat with Gary Stevers booked. Pioped by Derby runner Musakai at Doncaster, he lines up fresh after a rest. Alexal is nearest the fer-ande ral, but a 6th rise, plus the faster ground, may stop him following up his Haydock with from Fatures Perfect, with fast-ground lover Auguste in sich and now 6th better off. Swiss Law's two-length fourth to the telented Among Men at Kempton gives him a leading chance, while the best outsider is Lingfield maden winner Praeditus, who had a big weight there next time.

Selections KENNEMARA STAR

5	.30	ASCOT STAKES (HANDICAP) (CLASS C) £4 2m 4f Penaity Value £30,090	0,000 adde
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4	331225	ETTERSY PARK (USA) (24) (Nr & Mis G Middlebrook) M Johnston 49:	Weaver 1
5		TOTEM DANCER (34) (Diemond Racing Unit J L Eyre 4 8 12	
8	/6-025	NANTON POINT (USA) (5) (L.G. Lazarus) Lady Herres 5 8 12	Quine 1
7	125-40	MORTHERN FLEET (24) (Racing For Pleasure) Mrs A Perrett 48 11	Pat. Eddery
8	65233-	MAJOR DUNDEE (122) (Microsi R Jaye) M Pipe 4 8 10	R Hughes 8
9		BURNE OFFERING (21) (A.) Richards) C Buttain 48.8	
10	-03030	MEDYANI BILUE (21) (REF) (Nexth H Palmet) J Eustace 788	R Cochemie 2
11	11313	CENNED CERU (20) (Alen Spengo Ltd Toolmeters) J Cullinan 6 & 6	K / Khoné 1
12	4144-0	ACADEMY HOUSE (21) (A D Spence) R Alienus 4 8 6	
13	006-60	SHADERWAN (30) (One Bort) R Alestural 6.8 6.	
14	5-2206	SHEELEY SIE (24) (Greenland Park Ltd) 44 Johnston 486	R ###
15	511243	SEA FREEDOM (10) (Miss B Switch G Balding 6 8 3	S Drowne 24
16	50-301	STEMBLE DANICER (2/6) (Leterrate Partnersho) S Cow 5 8 3	F Egas 2
17	650	BURN OUT (21) (A Yency Partnership) J Pearce 5 8 D	G Bastinal 2
18	-53342	CHARROL (CNN) (12) (SP) (T Connors) R Heats 4 7 12	Dely (5) 1
19		SPRING MARATHON (13) (Mis N Dusheld) Mis N Dusheld 7 7 12	
20		THEARPOUR (USA) (175) (Mrs A C Ferrant) M Pipe 10 7 12	
21	33-153	GREAT ORACITOR (123) (M. D. Hesherington Ltd) F Wasson 8 7 11	F Norton 2
22	2000-3	GENERAL MOUKDAR (24) (A S Helaiss) M Pipe 7 7 10	P Feasoy (3) 1
23	000021	ARCADY (21) (J H Frenderson) J L Hants 4 7 10	R Mindlen (6) 2
24	3350-6	PLEASURELAND (13) (Mrs Sylves E M McGanie) R Curtis 4 7 10	
25	004431	HORSHEEN MOTTO (10) (D Callegren) J Golde 4 7 10	

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5.40 'RIEN NE VA PLUS' HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added fillies & mares 1m

6.10 GROSVENOR AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS F) (DIV II) £3,000 added 2YO 7f 5 CULT DANAGORD (12) P Code 9 0 ______ D Helphont 4
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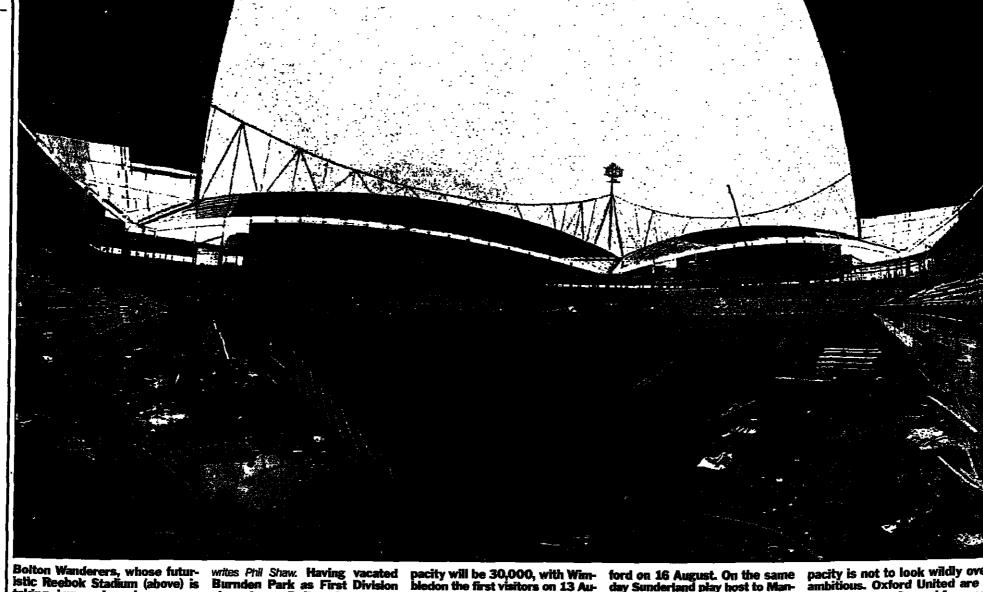
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taking impressive shape on a greenfield site at Horwich, are one of five clubs for whom the phrase "building for the future" has assumed a meaning beyond the tra-ditional close-season platitudes,

champions, Bolton inaugurate their new, 25,000-capacity home against Everton on 30 August. Derby's more romantically named Pride Park Stadium has risen on an inner-city site. Its initial ca-

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ford on 16 August. On the same day Sunderland play host to Man-chester City at the Wearmouth Stadium. Following a simultaneous exit from Roker Park and the Premiership, Peter Reid's side may have to repeat their promotion of two seasons ago if a 42,000 ca-

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Nottingham Forest v Crewe

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pacity is not to look wildly overambitious. Oxford United are to quit the Manor Ground for a new 15,000 all-seater at Minchery Farm during the season, while Reading are preparing for their last campaign at Elm Park.

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10 June to 12 July

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23 Oct: 2nd round 1st leg. 6 Nov: 2nd round 3nd leg. 27 Nov: 3rd round 1st leg. 11 Dec: 3rd round 2nd leg. 5 Mar: Quar-ter-finals 1st leg. 19 Mar: Quar-ter-finals 2nd leg. 2 April: Semi-finals 2nd leg. 7 May: Final. Uefa Cup

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The Scottish League fixtures until tomorrow

Monty hopes patience will be rewarded

Andy Farrell, in Bethesda, finds a frustrated Scot generous in defeat

Tiger Woods, at 21 years and 24 weeks, yesterday officially became the youngest player ever to be ranked as the No.1 in the world, only a few hours after the US Open proved the Masters champion does not have to be involved for a championship to unfold with the requisite drama and tension.

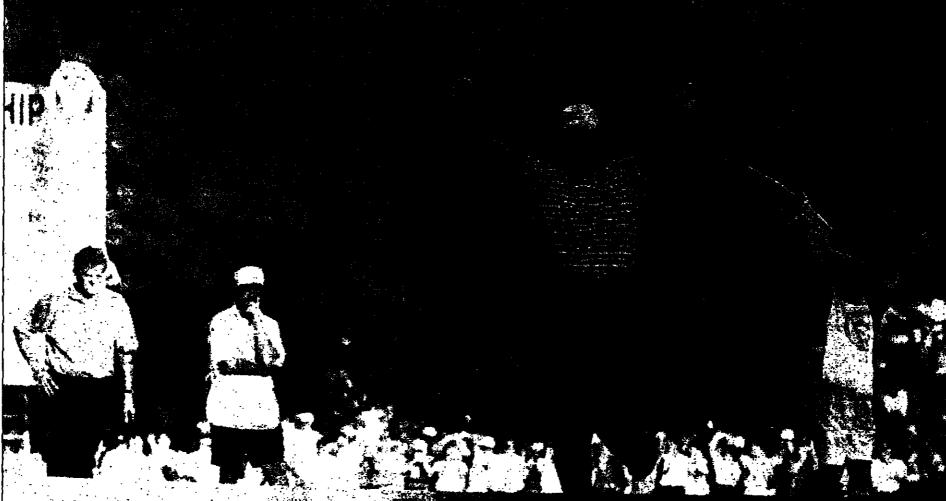
Ernie Els was proclaimed as the "next god of golf" when he won the US Open at the age of 24 three years ago, and if he did not start winning every major under the sun, then who can? Woods, who finished tied for 19th at Congressional and despite all the hoopla at Augusta, won't either, but the pair can look forward to some mighty battles over the next decade and more.

Colin Montgomerie has already duelled with the South African and, apart from sneak-ing the Million Dollar Challenge at Sun City from under his nose last December, has usually come off second best. He lost to Els in a play-off at Oakmont in 1994 and in the final of the World Match Play the same year. On Sunday, Els., with a total of 276, four under par, beat

the Scot by a single stroke.
In tears immediately afterwards, Montgomerie composed himself to pay tribute to his nemesis. "If I was ever going to lose this tournament again. I'll lose it to him, Montgomerie said. "I would like to congratulate Ernie. I have played a lot of golf with him over the last five years and I have only admiration for him. He's a wonderful chap,

so laid back it's frightening."

Montgomerie matched Els's final round of 69 and shared the lead for much of the back nine. The pair were playing together, just in front of Tom Lehman and Jeff Maggert, who hung around longer than some gave him credit for beforehand. It saw Montgomerie's downfall.



It's all over: Ernie Els acknowledges victory in the US Open as the final putt drops while Colin Montgomerie (far left) feels yet more frustration

was a terrific four-way scrap, with Lehman, now third-second-third in the last three US Opens, falling one back by bogeying the 16th, and then finding the water with his approach to 17. "I would give anything in the world for a mulligan," said the Open champion. "It would have been a lot of fun going over the Royal Troon as a double

The 17th, a brute of a par four at 480 yards played to a green protruding into the water, also

While Els played the hole in lev-el par for the week, the Scot bogeyed it on all four occasions, and twice on Sunday. With Els safely on the green, Montgomerie pushed his approach just into the thick rough. His chip was a good one, but he had to wait for a noisy crowd to settle before facing his six-foot putt, which went ago-nisingly close to falling in. "I have proved once again to myself, if I needed any proof, that I love

this US Open," he said. Montgomerie has now finished third and second twice in Emie seems to have what it takes

the US Open and lost a play-off in the USPGA. "It's getting me down this major business," he said bluntly. The more I go through every major not winning one, the next one I'm in contention, there is certainly

more pressure involved. "But if I knock at the door often enough, as I seem to be doing, especially in this tournament, the door will open one day. I just have to be patient. I believe this is the toughest one of them all, mentally, to win, and

to win. His nature helps him. There is a word called talent, and he has an abundance of it."

Said Els: "I hope for his sake, Colin wins a major. It was good playing with him. I knew he was going to play well, he is such a great player under pres-sure, and that if I could beat him, I would have a great chance to win. I've had a few close misses. When he beat me in the Million Dollar in front of my home crowd, that hurt. I didn't want to lose today.

wasn't a major contender then. I said people would have to be patient, but maybe I wasn't patient with myself. This is a good feeling. I go into a different class now. I'm really going to enjoy

this one. Els's victory means there are consecutive winners of majors under 30 for the first time in a decade and he is the only current player under that age to hold two majors. Woods, who entered the world rankings only 42 weeks ago, will inevitably folPhotograph: Alisport

more birdies than anyone, US Opens are not won with ag-

ssive play. His putting was not in the same class as Augusta, but as there, he "beat" Nick Faldo when they played together in the final round, 72 to 76. The group was warned for slow play and Paldo put the blame on the number of media following the group. Sorry for being interested. In truth, as soon as the leaders went off, Woods and Faldo paled into insignificance

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Henman 🐗 wins but fails to convince

GUY HODGSON reports from Nottingham

It was just as well the All England Club recognised Tim Henman as a Wimbledon seed yesterday because no one else would have done. He said he had flowed for an hour at the Nottingham Open yesterday. (1,) which was not a unanimous оріцюц..

Henman defeated fellow-Briton Andrew Richardson 6-4, 6-7, 6-4 in a first-round match that lasted a shade under two hours but shade was the appropriate word. It was a patchy performance and one that would not convince you to put your faith on him to match last year's quarter-final ap-pearance at Wimbledon, where he will be ranked 14th.

"If I'd won 6-3, 6-3 as I should have done," he said, "I would have been very pleased but a win is a win.'

Henman needs to strike a higher pitch urgently. Since returning from an operation on his elbow, he has lost in the first rounds of the Italian and French Opens and the only opponent he has beaten is Richardson who is ranked 200 places below him he beat him at Queen's last week.

Yesterday the result could easily have been reversed. Henman broke in the first and third games to take the first set in 29 minutes but when he missed three game points to break Richardson at 4-3, the belief dripped out of him. "Hit it," he shouted at himself at one point, plea to his confidence to let nim go through with his strokes.

The affirmative response came only when he broke his opponent in the ninth game of the deciding set. Ahead, he was re-leased from his doubts and

served to love to win the match. If Henman is a seed of doubt then Marcelo Rios looks like an upset waiting to happen. The Chilean will go to Wimbledon as the ninth-ranked player but if the seedings committee had seen his performance vesterday then he would have been one they would have tossed by the wayside. To describe him as dreadful during his 6-4, 6-2 de-feat by Kenneth Carlsen would be to flatter.

Rios took one look at the court and was immediately discouraged, describing grass as being only fit for "cows and playing soccer". He then said he was looking forward to playing at Wimbledon but with the forced expression of someone extolling the joys of visiting a dentist...

Carlos Moya, the top seed here, did little to inspire confidence either, going down 1-6. 7-6, 6-4 to Romania's Adrian

Grass holds no fears for Williams

Venus Williams will celebrate her 17th birthday today by facing he fellow American Chanda Rubin in the Direct Line Insurance Championships at Eastbourne. Williams came through the qualifying tournament with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Miho Saeki, of Japan,

vesterday. The confident Florida-based olaver, whose Wimbledon debut 🌋 is next week, said: "I find playing on the grass no real problem. It seems to suit my game. My target this week, as always, will be to win the tournament. I always have a little acceptance speech prepared just in case."

Britain's 12th-ranked player, Jo Ward, who is No 351 in the world, beat Gloria Pizzichini, the No 86, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, yesterday to qualify for Eastbourne, but must miss Wimbledon because she cannot now play in this week's qualifying event.

Drivers at risk from inexperienced marshals

Motor racing

DAVID TREMAYNE reports from Montreal

Three significant accidents in Sunday's Canadian Grand Prix here once again raised questions

about safety in Formula One. in the most serious, the tained double fractures to both legs. In others, Ralf Schumacher struck a tyre wall at very high speed when his Jordan-Peugeot may have suffered a tyre or suspension failure, while Ukyo Katayama's Minardi also

crashed heavily. In each accident, the cars' structures withstood very high

impacts, thanks to the stringent mandatory pre-season crash tests by the FIA, the sport's goveming body.

But the manner in which the tyre walls coped has led to some criticism, as they tended to separate and in some instances single tyres were thrown on to the track. After the race, there were calls for tyres to be

tied together more securely. David Coulthard, who was on course for victory until a clutch problem delayed his McLaren-Mercedes during his final stop, put the concerns about the tyres into perspective, however, when he said: "Accidents can happen anywhere and maybe we need to look at more tyres at the par-

ticular corner where Panis crashed. But it's a straightfor- colleagues was the manner in ward corner, no more dangerous than anything we have at

replacement for the injured Oli-

vier Panis, writes Derick Allson.

lard, who is to take part in pri-

Cours this week. Brundle has

emerged as a candidate follow-

Along with Emmanuel Col-

which the inexperienced mar-Monaco, and I certainly don't regard that as a dangerous circuit." from his car, even though he was out of his damaged AGS after indicating his wish to remain a crash during testing in Brazil,

rived. In 1989, the French drishals insisted on lifting him ver Philippe Streiff got himself

Brundle in contention to replace Panis

Of greater import to Panis' there until Professor Sid

cockpit of a Formula One car as cipal, is now seeking a new senior driver to take over for the French Grand Prix on Sunday week, the team's home race. Brundle, who drove for the

vate testing with the Prostthen Ligier team in 1993 and Mugen-Honda team at Magny-1995, is an obvious contender. "I would have to be interested."

after his exclusion from the

Watkins, the FIA doctor, ar-

class of 1997 He has a release clause in his ITV contract which would enable him to take a F1 drive, although he would still require the blessing of the TWR Arrows orrole of test driver and director.

right time, and the drivers have long been aware of the need for sound medical counsel. Watkins is the first man any

right advice and treatment at the

of the drivers wants to see af-Martin Brundle is prepared to ing Panis's heavy crash during abandon the television com
Alain Proof the team print but admits he is still "hurting" have had serious consequences

He feared that at the age of concerned that removing Panis accident earlier this year testing have had serious consequences at the Homestead track in American print and my large print and my la ter an accident, and they were had he actually sustained spinal injuries. At the time, there was no threat of fire and no way that the marshals could have made a valid diagnosis of his condition. Behind the scenes, Watkins' safety group has been ganisation, where he has the studying means of incorporat- of his injuries. They should have ing a special seat into F1 cars

but later suffered permanent which could act as a back sup-paralysis after failing to get the port in such incidents and which port in such incidents and which could be removed complete with driver. Mark Blundell, the former

McLaren racer turned IndyCar driver, who was standing in for Martin Brundle on television commentary duty, was particu-larly perturbed. "After I had my ica. I told them my hands were feeling numb. They put me on a back board and I was strapped there for four hours before things had stabilised. What they did with Panis was very bad, because they couldn't have known the extent waited for Sid."

League will today decide on the

fate of two English players at

hearings in Sydney. Leeds Rhi-

nos' loose-forward Terry New-

ton was sent off for a

"dangerous throw" on David

Boughton of the Adelaide

Rams in Friday night's World

Club Challenge match. Newton

left for the trip home with the

Leeds side after the game, but

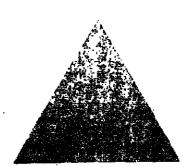
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Oldham's Paul Davidson will

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Revised club format mooted as Wigan fall

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

Wigan were unable to repeat their first-round victory in the World Club Championship, thumped 34-0 in Brisbane yesterday by the Broncos on a day when talk was rife that the expensive series would be scaled down next season.

Wigan's loss was the eighth defeat for northern hemisphere teams in nine games at the weekend and after two rounds the European statistics stand at played 19, won two, lost 17. The Canterbury coach, Chris Anderson, whose side thrashed

Halifax 58-6 on Sunday, confirmed he had already been advised of changes to the series format. "I think it's going to be the top four teams from both countries, that's what I've heard." he said.

Wigan competed well in the first half but trailed 10-0 to tries from Kevin Walters and Darren Lockyer. Their best chance of striking back came early in the second half, when Paul Koloi, a substitute for the injured Nigel Wright, sent Jason Robinson sprinting for the try-line. Amazingly. Robinson was caught by the Brisbane prop Brad Thorne, and almost immediately the Broncos went to the other end and scored through Tonie Carroll to take the match beyond

Wigan's reach. There was no shortage of commitment," said the Wigan coach Eric Hughes. "But we caught Brisbane on a particularly good night.

League changes on agenda The game's professional clubs will debate sweeping changes in its structure a week tomorrow,

writes Dave Hadfield. The meeting of the Rugby League Council in Leeds will look at proposals which include trimming the league from 34 to 28 clubs and taking power from the RL's chief executive, Maurice Lindsay. A working party has spent months on the plans, which been leaked before the session.

The central proposal is to reduce the three divisions to two. with franchises awarded only to clubs which meet strict standards off the field, as well as on it. The working party, headed by the league's chairman, Sir Rodney Walker, lean towards 14 in the Super League and 14 in a first division below it.

The evidence of the World Club Championship, however, is that any expansion of the Super League would spread the available talent too thinly. Mergers could be again on the agenda, with amalgamated clubs often having an improved

chance of winning a franchise. The other radical proposal is that executives at the RL's headquarters in Leeds should get more autonomy. Soundings at all levels of the game revealed concern the organisation is a "one man band." Clubs could also be asked to consider a reduction in the overseas quota from six to two per club.

Auckland hooker Syd Eru today faces a disciplinary hearing over his sending-off for a high tackle at Bradford on Saturday. but Bulls' Jeff Wittenberg and Hunter's Scott Hill have been told they have no case to answer over incidents for which they

attend in person to answer a charge of biting North Queensiand Cowboy's Ian Dunemann in their Saturday night game, with the official charge one of contrary conduct.

The referee Graham Annesley did not see the incident, but placed Davidson on report after Dunemann complained.

Scotland can extend winning run against Zimbabwe

Rugby Union

Scotland open their six-match summer tour against Zimbabwe today hoping the altitude will not prevent them raising their game to new heights.

The tourists will be playing in temperatures in the mid-20s and at an altitude of 4,800ft. But the team manager, Doug Morgan, feels Zimbabwe will have their own difficulties: "They are bound to be tired after their game last Saturday against

The tourists would be basing their game around a strong performance from the forwards. especially in the opening exchanges, said the assistant coach, Hugh Campbell. "Our scrummaging has gone well in practices but the acid test is out there in a match." Campbell was in Zimbabwe two years ago

when the Scots won both Tests against the host country.
Scotland may be forgiven

achieving a place in the next World Cup.

Knox knows his players face

for thinking the game is a Murrayfield fixture, with the Zimbahwean coach being called John Knox and the team manager, Fred Jocks.

'I can assure you that I have absolutely no connection at all with Scotland," joked Knox of South Africa. He was recruited from Northern Transvaal to with the Scotland A squad boost Zimbabwe's chances of

a hard task in matching Scotland's professionals. "It will be a big mountain to climb, though we have gained a lot of confidence from our win over Namibia last Saturday.' Scotland have chalked up

six wins against Zimbabwe since the first meeting in 1987, and they have every chance of fur-ther success this time round.

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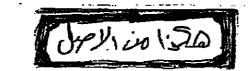
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Easycall, 12-1 Croft Pool, Rambling Bear, Stuggler, 14-1 hever Gold Rose, Royale Figurine, Ti-

tus Livius, 16-1 others. The leading jumps jockey Adrian Maguire has been given the all-clear to make his longawaited comeback. The luckless Irishman saw his specialist, Michael Foy at the Ridgeway Hospital in Swindon yesterday and X-rays showed his broken arm had healed completely. Maguire will ride out for his

boss, the trainer David Nicholson loday and hopes to be ready to he back raceriding in between a week and 10 days. The rider suffered his latest setback in a novice chase at Leicester at the end of February, ruling him out of Chel-tenham for the third successive year. Maguire said: "I'm delighted. I had hoped to get the nod a month ago, so I'd he ready for the beginning of the new jumps season, but it was only 75 per cent healed."





Reiffel and Warne short of support

DEREK PRINGLE

reports from Leicester Australia 220-8 dec and 105-3 dec Leicestershire 62-4 dec and 179

Australia win by 84 runs

On an afternoon of Stygian gloom, Australia bowled Leices-tershire out to claim their first victory since 17 May when they beat Northamptonshire in a

limited overs match. Although the match relied on some good old collusion from both parties, it was the Aussies first real excuse to enliven their tour by cracking out the amber nectar.

on song, it was a performance that posed almost as many questions as it answered. Reiffel's appearance may have eased some fears, but the worries now, must be over the lack of back up. Of most concern will surely be Glenn McGrath's inability to ad-

and Paul Reiffel the only bowlers

just his length to suit the nature of the pitch. He is still two yards too short and aiming to force batsmen back rather than bring them forward. If he isn't rooming with Reiffel and talking

things through, he ought to be. On a helpful pitch, under cloud cover, Leicestershire made a better start than they should,

Lehmann grounded

DAVID LLEWELLYN

reports from The Ovai Surrey 549 and 153 Yorkshire 387 and 115-4 Match drawn

Rain washed what had promised to be a thrilling finish to an intriguing match down the storm drains at The Oval, leaving Surrey still winless a third of the way through a Championship campaign they were widely tipped to dominate.

False hopes had been raised and pulses stirred in both camps on the final morning when Yorkshire emerged under already darkening skies looking for the remaining 297 runs they needed for what would have been a famous victory, given the way things had gone early on.

Surrey hearts were the first to be set racing. Martin Bicknell, swinging the ball prodigiously at times, had two wickets in his first ver - the second of the day. Richard Kettleborough did not even simmer before he was bowled driving at an inswinger, out before Yorkshire had added to their Saturday score of 19. That wicket was followed two deliveries later by that of Ketleborough's captain David Byas, given out leg before.

with them. He almost had Darren Lehmann lbw the very next ball with another awkward delivery. Lehmann and Martyn

Mozon moved the score cagily towards relative safety, but Bicknell then got one to lift a little off a length and Moxon gloved a catch to Ian Salisbury at short leg. At 34 for 3 it need-ed something drastic. Enter Lehmann to raise the Yorkshire fans' blood pressure.
While Bradley Parker was struggling to get off the mark.
Lehmann, a South Australian,

was attempting singlehandedly to shred the Surrey attack, cut-ting, carving and slashing his way to a fine 50 off 61 balls. He did survive a confident shout for a catch down the leg side when he was on two, but the way he coped firstly with Bicknell then Surrey's canny overseas signing

Saqlain Mushtaq was priceless. Parker, who had taken 39 minutes to get off the mark, was not so fortunate in his reading of Saqlain and played on to a delivery from the Pakistan offspinner on the stroke of lunch when he had reached 19. The match was perfectly poised but so were the clouds, and hunchtime stretched beyond tea and into a gloomy, premature

Grath away to the boundary behind point. After Reiffel's early dismissal of Darren Maddy, the home side needed a playmaker, a role Sutcliffe fulfilled until Mc-Grath ventured around the wicket and induced him to edge behind to Healy.
Gregor MacMillan soon fol-

lowed, caught by Michael Slater at mid-on as he drove at Brendon Julian. At that point the home side were 68 for 3 and in need of some guidance from their captain, James Whitaker. A Yorkshireman by birth, Whitaker knows only of attack. Hooking McGrath for a steepling six to get off the mark, he then belted the Aussie paceman for two searing fours. He repeated the glorious brace gainst Warne but then the umpire, John Harris, for whatever reason, ruled in favour of a dis-

tinctly hopeful inquiry for lbw. It proved the turning point as Warne, bowling on a pitch not particularly suited to him, worked his way through the rest of the order to end with 5 for 42. Aftab Habib was caught on the slog, Paul Nixon was lured forward and stumped, and James Ormond was flippered. If his shoulder is about to be operated on then the surgeon must be

looking for gold and not gristle. Earlier when Australia batted after Whitaker's overnight declaration, there were torrid moments for the openers against Ormond His encounter with Slater, a player who likes to take risks, was entertaining, bringing Slater one hooked boundary before an attempted repeat saw the ball cannon into his stumps off the bottom edge.

By contrast, Taylor was looking ever more assured. His feet are moving better now than at any stage in the last year and his shot selection, as he clipped and caressed was nigh on perfect. Leicestershire had a deep set field but such was his placement of stroke that his 57 took just 65 balls. His only misjudgement, which cost him his wicket, came as he tried to flick off-spinner Tim Mason through midwicket.



Australia's Shane Warne appeals successfully for the wicket of James Whitaker yesterday

Strang takes Kent to top

Cricket roundup

Lancashire's John Crawley warmed up for the Lord's Test with a rapid 91 at Old Trafford yesterday but his effort failed to prevent Kent from claiming the match honours by 58 runs to go to the top of the Championship.

Crawley was fifth out with the score at 203 and Lancashire then capitulated to the leg-spin of the Zimbabwean Paul Strang. whose figures of 4 for 68 gave him a match return of 11 for 186. Kent had declared at 217 for 9 shortly after lunch, setting the home side 306 in 58 overs.

Worcestershire's seamer Stuart Lampitt ended Jack Russell's resistance and consigned Gloucestershire to their first Championship defeat of the season by 95 runs - at Bristol, Russell. who had shared a 57-run seventhwicket stand with Mark Alleyne and a 70-run eighth-wicket stand with Tim Hancock, was caught on 65, and his dismissal with the score on 259 signalled the end for Gloucestershire, who were chasing 372 in 101 overs.

Derbyshire's coach exiled

JON CULLEY

reports from Edgbaston Derbyshire 200 and 229-3 dec Warwickshire 340 Match drawn

While Derbyshire batted their way to a draw here yesterday, the county's crisis off the field took another turn when it emerged that the club's coach. Les Stillman, had effectively been suspended from first-team duties following the resignation of Dean Jones.

Stillman, who helped his fellow Australian Jones to steer Derbyshire to second place in last year's Britannic Assurance table, was told not to attend the final day of the Championship match at Edgbaston. He also missed Sunday's AXA Life League game on the same ground, when Derbyshire were bowled out for 93.

The county hierarchy are being secretive over the circumstances surrounding last week's abrupt departure of Jones, who accused senior players of lack of support for his leadership.

They have instructed players and staff to make no comment. But Stillman, the former Victoria coach who was appointed alongside his compatriot last April, confirmed he had been told to stay away. The chairman and the crick-

et committee said it would be better in the circumstances that exist if I was not around," he said. "Never in my 27 years as a coach have I not been with my team during a game, nor have I been told not to talk to the "We discussed before this

all blew up the idea that I would spend some time with the second eleven and watch some minor counties games with a view to maybe strengthening the staff and I saw some value in that. You might say I've taken up those duties a week or two early."

Neither the club chairman, Mike Horton, nor the cricket committee chairman. Ian Buxton, could be contacted yesterday. The club secretary, Stewart Edwards, said he could not comment but that a statement "might be issued tomorrow."

It is understood that players and senior officials will meet today in an attempt to find a solution to the crisis. Stillman's close association with Jones is certain to have placed him in a difficult position, although he says he will honour his contract, which has the remainder of this season to run. Derbyshire have a potential replacement already on the staff in Andy Hay-

"If a period is needed for the dust to settle, that's fine," Stillman said. "But it is my wish to go on working with the players." Under the captaincy of Philip

DeFreitas, Derbyshire defied Warwickshire's bid for a fourth batting point by taking their last three wickets for 19 runs after the home side had resumed at 321 for 7 in a match hit by the weather.

A five-wicket return for Devon Malcolm increased the England strike bowler's firstclass tally to 41. Half-centuries by Kim Barnett and Adrian Rollins averted the threat of an innings defeat before Tim Tweats and Chris Adams steered their side to safety.

Shaw to bolster **Wasps** line-out

DAVID LLEWELLYN

Wasps yesterday won the race to sign the England and Bristol lock Simon Shaw, who is currently going about his business with the Lions in South Africa.

Shaw's departure from Bristol had been widely expected and Leicester were interested in the mobile 6ft 9in second-row forward until they switched their attentions to the Springbok Fritz van Heerden.

The way was left open for Nigel Melville, the former England scrum-half and director of coaching at the league champions, to present the 24-year-old Shaw with a three-year deal worth six figures.

Shaw's departure is a severe blow to Bristol, who survived the inaugural professional season in Courage League One, but may find life a lot tougher when the renamed Allied Dunbar Pre-

miership starts on 23 August. Given the number of casualties dropping out of the Lions tour, the ball-winning Shaw has has every chance of playing in one of the three Tests against South Africa.

Leicester's new hoy, van Heerden, has been dropped for Saturday's first Test, but that will not affect how he is regarded at Welford Road. The club see the 26-year-old 6ft 7in Western Province lock as the perfect partner for the Lions captain Martin Johnson.

Leicester recently swelled their overseas contingent by recruiting the Fijian pair Waisale Screvi and Marika Vunibaka, underlining coach Bob Dwyer's determination that the Tigers should build the strongest possible squad.

Leicester were one of three clubs rejected by the Argentinian international Agustin Pichot in favour of newly-promoted Richmond. The 22-year-old scrum half, who also turned down Bath and Saracens, said he had been swaved in his decision by having stayed in the

Britannic Assurance Warwickshire v Derbyshire EDGBASTON: Match drawn.

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Pairs (64, lb5, w3, mbz; 24/ Total (56.5 owers)
Pair: 1-12, 2-79, 3-132, 4-159, 5-203, 6-207, 7-242, 8-244, 9-245.
Bowling: McCague 15.5-4-61-3; Philips 10-1-47-2; Thompson 4-0-15-0; Esthern 4-0-16-0; Strang 17-6-68-4; Reming 6-0-31-1; Umgtres: J W Hotter and G Sharp. Gloucs v Worcestershire

WORCESTERSHIPE - Hist Image : J Rhodes 78, S R Lampat 52, K R & 52, M W Alleyne 5-41J. GLOUCESTERSHIPS GLOUCESTERSHIRE—First Incings 229. WORCESTERSHIRE—Second Innings 350 for 4 dec (G A Hick 137, T S Curtis 137).

Sarrey v Yorkshire THE OAAL Match drawn. Surre Vorkshire (10).

Patt: 1-19, 2-19, 3-94, 4-111. Did Not Bat: C White, 1ft J Blakey, A C ris, P J Hartley, C E W Silvensood, R D So Bowling: Lewis 10-8-7-0, Bicknell 11, 3 3; Saqlain Musirtary 6.1.2-16-1; Salisto 0-6-0; Benjamin 3-0-14-0, B C Hofi 4-0-26-0; A J Holloske 2-0-6-0 ires: R Julian and A G T Whitehead

Other first-class

Oxford Univ v Notts 4 dec (P R Polard 115, A A

Falt: 1-29.
To Bat: P R Polisid: A A Meticalle, G F Archer,
tt. N P Walker. R T Bettes, J E Hindson, P J
Franks, "R A Pick.
Bourling: Averis 6-1-30-0; Patel 11-1-52-1;
Bettarbee 5-0-15-0; Byrne 5-1-20-0; Wagh

4-1-12-0 Cambridge Univ v Durha

Spesk 124 no. D C Boon 105 no. (Overnight: 9 for ())
P D Collingwood not out
M A Roseberry not out od not out .

stal (for 0, 14 overs). Tetley's Challenge series

Finel day of three Leicestershire v R T Ponting 64; J Ormond 6-54). BICESTERSHIRE - First ionings 62

Dig Not Bet: RT Penting, J L Langer, I A Hesty, S K Warre, B P Julien, G D McGach, P R Refiel, Bowling: Ormond 8-0-36-1; Maddy 7-1-13-); Mason 4-4-0-21-2; Plenson 4-0-33-0

American football season in the World League of Ameri-

FENNER'S: Match drawn Combridge University won toss DURHAM - First Innings 288 (

Did Not Bat: N.J. Speek, J.A. Deley, *D.C. Boon †A. Pratt, M.M. Betts, J. Bolling, D.M. Cox, J. Wood M J Saggas. Bourling: How 7-4-10-0; Janisch 7-2-20-0. Uropires: K J Lyons and B J Mayer.

Lionel Taylor will return as head coach

Athletics

ATMICTICS

Wison Kipketer, Kenya's world 800 metres champion, hes withdrawn from Oslo's Bislett Garnes on 4 July, claiming the meeting did not suit his schedule.

BUSELATO BITERIANTONAL Levets, Sundayl: Wheeler sings Mer: 400m Hurdleer A Bosumetri (Cry of Stoke) 52.15; 600m: M Molegnyets (SA) 1mm 15.57 sec: Miller M A Opensher (Chasterle-Smest) 458.01; 100m: D Money (Sale) 10.58 secs; Hammer: P Head Newhorn Essen) 72.50m: 130m bardleer; 1 jurnet (Heringsy) 13.77; 200m: 1 John Indicated (Cry) 52.36m: 1.31; Javadier M Hill Levets Cry) 52.36m: 2.31; Javadier M Hill Levets Cry) 52.36m: 2.01; [same; 5 Smith (Merpon) 7.10m; ing (Blackhosth) 21.31; Airselfer M HM (Leota Coy) 82.36m; Long (same: S Smith (Leotacol) 7.15m; 300m Invitation: 1 Promes (Newhorn & Esse) 32.76; 400m; F Sydne (SEC) 47.11; Wistense: 100m leveless: J Pratt (Esse) Lades) 14.16; 100m; E McKercte (Esling, Southell & Meditessey 11.96; 400m bendelse: D Historien (Thurod) 57.45; High Jamp; D Microecute (Esse) Lades) 1.25m; 200m; J Machaele (Borthy) 24.21; 400m; S Rawhrson (Rotherham) 54.46; 1000m; K Holmes (Army) 27.21; E.

nes (Irlam), B Rawlinson (Biomingham), J Whalley (M

laysia's preparations for the 1998 mmonwealth Games took a severe blow yesterday when Hashim Mo-

TODAY'S NUMBER 30,000

The number of people who watched Morocco beat the hosts Malaysia 3-1 in Shah Aiam in the opening match of football's World Youth Cup yesterday. Today the Repub-lic of Ireland meet Gbana in

SPORTING DIGEST after being criticised by Government min-isters. Hashim came under attack from

Scotland in next year's Commonwealth Games if he is sponsored. Obree, 31, has won two world titles and set three world records in the space of four years. word records in the space of four years. Britain's Yvorine McGregor will attempt to recepture the world one-hour record at Manchester Velodrome tomorrow. The record of 48.159km was set by Jeannie Longo, the Olympic and world champion from France, in Mexico City last November.

lan Crook, the long-serving Norwich player, is joining the Japanese side Sanfrace Hiroshima on a one-year contract. Steve Daley, the former Wolves and Manchester City player, has been appointed manager of the GM Vauxhall Conference club Teiford United.

Notingham Forest have sealed the biggest sponsorship deal in the club's history - desprie their relegation to the Nationwide First Division. Pinnacle Insurance, who have previously backed Barnet Football Club and Saracens Rugby Club, will trivest £2m in the club over the next three searons.

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WORLD YOUTH CUP Group A (Shah, Alexa, Madagesia): Morocco 3 Meloyse 1.
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Meters/Spec 1; Lockesto Rapets 2

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SIMBAY'S LATE RESULTS: Spanish Languar Stremadura 2 Catas Vigo C: Vidiadold 1. Horouske
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(Attamplora) 2. Barcolmo (41-87).

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Rowing plans to abandon its arriateur sta-tus and go professional, enabling its ath-letes to be rewarded for their efforts. The International Rowing Federation's exec-

Rugby League SEPER LEAGUE Visa World Club Champleonthip Pool A: Brishmar (10) 34, Wigan (0) 0. Brishmar These Locker 2, Cerrol, Longer, Talis, Whites: Gools Lodger 5, Pool B (Sanday); Shedileid (8) 28, Perin (22) 22, Shedileid: Tries

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FIXTURES

Rugby Union

Other sports



THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BREAK POINT AND BREAKING POINT

